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Date	No.	To whom sent	Substance
9/1	6	Collector Tinnevelly	Forwarding an English Copy of a decision in the Case of the boundary in dispute between the villages of Maithulapatty and Pandalagudy with a tamil Copy of the same for delivery to the Defendant.
18/1	23	Do	Informing that he has a right to pass an order in the boundary dispute case between Pandalagudy and Maithulapatty and suggesting that if the Collector of Tinnevelly is not satisfied with his (Madura Collr.) decision, he can bring them to the notice of higher authority.
/1	11	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Requesting attention to his letters of the 7th November last, respecting the boundary in dispute between the villages of Sickaragudy in Tinnevelly and Poovani in Madura.
19/1	12	Do	Reporting upon petition No. 1836 of 1840 Complaining of the measures taken by him for the settlement of disputes regarding a channel of irrigation at Ottampolliem.
26/1	15	Do	Recommending the resumption of the Inam village of Rama Rajapuram granted by the Nabob Wallajah in 1755-56 to his Bucshee Jeevajee Pundit, by whose heirs it has been hitherto enjoyed after appropriation of part of the Revenue for certain ceremonies in the Meenatchi Pagoda though there is nothing to

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			proves that the grant was hereditary
27/1	39	Collector Tinnevelly	Informing that the minutes of the 22nd May 1835 approve of the adjudication of border disputes between collectorates, by the officer whose principal station is nearest to the spot in dispute and that the party objecting to his decision will have recourse to the Civil Court. This is in connection with the boundary dispute case between Pandalgudi and Maithulapatty.
30/1	42	Resident of Tanjore	Forwarding copy of an address from the amin of Amaravati maintaining the lands claimed by the ryots of Kooroongalore in Puduckottah is not within the limits of Puduckottah, but it is within the limits of Aramanaivayal village in Shevagangah zemindari and informing that this is supported by the permanent settlement account of fasli 1212 of the zemindari.
10/2	4	Chief Secretary to Government	Forwarding correspondence with the authorities in Tinnevelly respecting a border dispute (between Pandalagudy & Maithulapatty) in which the Collector & Magistrate

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			of that district will not act himself nor allow me to take measures for the tranquillity of the border:— supporting his own interference and resistance to my interference on the minutes of Consultation of 22nd May 1835
16/2	"	Sub Collector Madura	Forwarding a letter of the Board of Revenue regarding the dismissal of the Nattamgar of Coppillapatty (Kendut)
4/3	86	Secretary to the Board of Revenue P W D	Submitting proposal to build a chattram at an expense of about 1000 Rs at Kothampoondy on Road No 1 with a view to future sanction of Rs 60 per annum for its support.
16/4	141	British Resident Tanjore	Forwarding copy of an address from the Tahsildar of Maroongapuri stating that the ryots of Puducottah have no right of interference with the land.
23/4	42	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Reporting the circumstances under which the village of Tookal held by petitioners in No. 477 of 1841 was resumed by the late Zemindar.
15/5	170	Collector Tanjore	Informing with reference to

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			a water dispute case between the ryots of Saingaman in Tanjore and Kovanikedunga in Madura, that the Madras Maistry is far off from the place of dispute and requesting the Collector of Tanjore to have a personal inspection of the spot and to communicate the result.
31/5	49	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Requesting authority for granting land assessed at Rs 7-6-7 per annum to the Thundal Mirasee of Malampatty to make ~~to~~ up the amount of land Maniyam to which he is entitled.
4/6	190	Do. P. W. D.	Reporting on the ~~comple~~ Completion of the Chattram at Chattrapatty by the Mittadar of Vallore and requesting permission for the appropriation of waste land to the value of Rs 60 per annum for its support.

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List of Retainable papers for 1841

Sent Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
8th Feby	56	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Forwarding a statement of original endowments to Pagodas and chuttrams on assumption of the country by the Company, their revenues in fusli 1211 and 1249 and the amount of ready money annually assigned for their support. [not found in the file]
10th Do	59.	Do Do	Stating in reference to ~~the Board~~ an extract from the Board's Procs of the 24th ultimo that he can take no further steps regarding the transfer of the charge of religious funds and institutions till the Board communicate to him their wishes on the doubts submitted in his letter of the 3rd instt. [not found in the file]

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Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
12th July	60	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Submitting a revised Moyen Zabitah of his establishment from the commencement of Fusli 1251 in accordance to their instructions of the 20th May 1819 to keep it within the lowest possible bounds.
21st Do	63	Do Do	Stating with reference to the Board's Procgs of the 17th ~~inst~~ ultimo that he does not think that the substitution of Indian maund for the Garce measure will in any way cause an increase or decrease in the Sale of Salt.
31st Do	64	Do Do	Stating with reference to Petition No 488 of 1841 that the dispute regarding the Maniom land therein referred to has been amicably settled.

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31st July	66	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Reporting upon Petition No 348 of 1841 claiming exemption of Swamy Bogum on certain land held by Petitioner
9th Aug	69	Do Do	Stating that full effect was given to the circular order of the 21st May 1836 for non-obligation of coolies to draw cars and that the abolition of that order by the Court of Directors was communicated by the Board itself and requesting instructions if the whole revenue of the lands originally granted to Pagodas is to be restored or only the portion of money substituted in lieu by the Musselman Govt. and confirmed

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			Confirmed by Govt. [not found in the File]
21st Aug	71	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Recommending for Sanction a further grant of 9 13/4 / 16 Cawnies of Punjah to the Thoti of Vilramangalam Village in Tirumangalam Tk and of 9 15 3/4 / 16 Cawnies of Punjah for the Madaienol water distributor of the village.
10th Sepr	26	Secy to Govt. Political Dept, Fort St George	Returning Petition of Comaruswami Naick to the Ceylon Govt. together with the order of the Council of Fort St George and recommending its rejection as fraudulent.
16th Do	309	Resident of Tanjore	Stating that the land in dispute between Pudukotah State and Palacwrichi village

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			in the Marungapary T^v is entered in the Govt. accounts of fusli 1213 as appertaining to the above name village and has been in the actual enjoyment of the villagers ever since 1239 and suggesting therefore if H. E. considered himself injured that the matter should be brought by him to the notice of Govt.
17th Sept	76	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Detailing objections to the proposed substitution of provisions of Act no IV of 1840 in force in Bengal for such parts of Regulation V of 1822 of the Madras Code as regards the adjustment of disputes for possession of land, water &c; also submitting

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			return for 10 years of Suits disposed of under Section 2 Reg. V. of 1822.
23rd Sept	79	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Forwarding a Statement of the different hands into which part of certain lands granted to the disbanded Sibbendy of Ramnad have passed by descent, Sale, and mortgage and requesting to know whether under the above transfers they are entitled to the Same indulgences as the original grantees.
4th Octr	340	Ay. Civil Engineer	Requesting him to inspect the dam constructed across the Sattyar River under the Sanction of Govt. d/ 15th May 1840 for the benefit of the ryots of Cullany and to favour him with his opinion how

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Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			how the evil complained of by the inhabitants of Tundalay &c 15 villages to the east of Cullanay in that the dam being obstructive to their irrigation, if real can be remedied.
5th Octr ~~6th Octr~~	83	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Submitting Statements in explanation of the native religious institutions of his collectorate in which Govt has any interference whatever and proposing with reference to the Board's instructions that he is ready to surrender all interference in those institutions
25th Do	30	Chief Secy to Govt Political Dept Fort St George	Returning Petition No 501 of 1841 and showing under what circumstances Rs 9-7, are being paid to Rengaswamie Rajah out of the Ceylon

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Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			Ceylon pension to Subbramani Rajah.
27 Oct	86	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Stating in reference to Petition No 1139 of 1841 that a monthly pay of 5 chuckrams or Rs 10-10-8 was fixed for Petitioners maintenance during life and that she refused to receive it claiming the whole of the allowance enjoyed by her late husband as manager of the affairs of the chuttrom alluded to and to which she has no right. [Draft sent to Ag Collr for perusal on 2nd July 1853].
29th do	88	Do — Do	Enclosing in reply to his circular of the 11th instt copy of cowlenamah, with translate

passed

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Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			passed to Palaniappah Pillai of Serungady village in the zemindary of Cunnuwaudy
19th Novr	95	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Reporting on the claim of the ex zemindar of Voothapanaickanur to the assessment of 302 13/16 cawnies of Punjah land assigned to certain Chat Cavilgars in fusli 1235 by Mr Peter.
2nd Decr	416	Collr of Coimbatore	Requesting to release to the former occupants the free gift village of Erravaramputti and the maunium land of Polliapollium in Caroor appertaining to Thanapa Mudalia Kattai in the Meenatchi Pagoda.
Do.	417.	Do of Tinnevelly	Requesting to release to the former occupant the lands endowed for Thanappa

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			Thanappa Mudaliar's Kullai in the Meenatchi Pagoda.
8th Decr	427	Collr of Tanjore	Forwarding copy of an address from the ameen of Amaroati Tk which complains of the Surplus water of Eenjavayel village being allowed to pass into the Tanks of Saippavayal in Pattucotai Tk.
24th Do	108	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Recommending for Sanction the grant of munjah cawnies 3 $\frac{3}{4}$/16 taxed at Rs 19-13-4, to the Nottagar of Avaniapuram in Maudacolum Tk in lieu of the nominal maunium held by him since his services are indispensable
26th Do	450	Collr of Tanjore	Forwarding copy of an address

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Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			address from the Manager of Ramnad complaining of certain Ryots in his Collectorate having taken possession of the irrigation channel of Velangathoor in ex Cotalpatnam Tk.

No 2

To The Sub Treasurer

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Bill on [illegible] at Madras, drawn by Ramanadun Chitty of Na[illegible] for Company Rupees (10000) Ten thousand, payable at 40 days sight, for balance of Grain sold to him in the Assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga [illegible] last Fusly 1249, and request you will be good enough to inform me of its realization in order to its adjustment in my accounts.

Madura Tondi } 2d January 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

No 3

To The Acting Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn on you a Bill in favor of H. D. Cooke Esquire, at sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees (250) Two hundred & fifty, being the Amount [illegible] into my Treasury by Mr. J. J. Franklin, in charge of the Manar Survey which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Madura Tondi } 3d January 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees .... 250 -

To The Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to H. D. Cooke Esquire, or order, the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and fifty, being Amount paid into my Treasury by Mr. J. J. Franklin, in charge of the Manar Survey, which sum will be credited to you under Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors."

Madura } Tondi 3d January 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No 4

To The Surveyor General

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Half yearly return of the Ma[ps] of this District furnished for the use of my office

(Sig^d) J Blackburne

Madura 1st January 1841
Dispatched 8th

Half yearly return of the Maps &ca in the office of the Prin^l Collr of Madura [illegible]

Title	Scale	State	Remarks
Map of Madura & Shevagunga	2 Miles to an inch	In good order but very much worn	A new one is noticed in the Return for [illegible] 3d January 1840
Do of Shevagunga Zemindary	880 yards to an inch	In very good order	
Do of Ramnad ditto	2 Miles to an inch	Much worn & many names illegible	
Do of Dindigul District	ditto	very much worn	a new one [illegible] very [illegible] rable as [illegible] in [illegible] January 18[illegible]
2 Cokes of Sections 80 & 81 of [illegible] arrow[smith's] Indian Atlas comprising part of Ramnad Shevagunga & [illegible] in Mylon	4 Miles to an inch	very perfect	January 1841

Madura [illegible]
Des^d [illegible]

To The Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information an English [copy] of my decision of this date in the Case of the boundary in dispute [be]tween the villages of Maittalaputty and Pandalagoody; and a [Ta]mil Copy for delivery to the defendants in that Case; I take the [o]pportunity also to inform you I have this day directed the removal [of] the two stones to be carried into effect by the Manager of Ramnad, [and] request you will be so good as to cause any required aid to be afforded.

Madura Poovandee }
9th January 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 7

To The British Resident of

Tanjaour

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 19th Ultimo I have the [hon]our to forward Copy of an address from the Ameen of Anaraotty Talook in Shwagunga, dated the 4th Instant, which shows me the Complaint, supported by the Government of H. E. the Rajah Toodiman Bahadur, is entirely without grounds, & I request further Communication of your views & wishes on this Subject in event of your coming to a different conclusion than mine.

Madura Poovandee }
9th January 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 8

To J. J. Franklin Esquire

on the Gulph Survey

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your perusal a Communication from the Post Master General & request you will be so good as to inform me how far you can comply with his wishes, & also inform me of the Nature of your plans &c. if of sufficient emergency to warrant overlooking of the Post office rules, or if it would serve your purposes if I was to transmit them by Cooly.

Madura }
13th January 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 10

To The Superintendent of Stamps, Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Indent of Stamp paper & Cadjans required for the year 1841, & request you will be good enough to forward by Banghy 100 [illegible] of Stamp Paper of 2 Anas value out of 5000 as the quantity remaining on hand is too small to meet the Demand.

Madura 14th January 1841

(Sgd.) J. Blackburne
Pl. Cr.

Received from the Judge of Madura the sum of Company Rupees (939-3-8) Nine hundred & thirty nine, anas three, and pice Eight, being the Amount of fees, fines & penalties & the proceeds of sale of papers &c in last Month.

Madura 14th January 1841 (Sig'd) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Received from the Judge of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (929-7-11) Nine hundred & Twenty Nine Anas seven & pice eleven, being the Amount of fees, fines & penalties & the proceeds of sale of papers &c in November 1840.

Madura 15th January 1841 (Sig'd) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 14
To The Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose first of a sett of Bills of the first Judge on Circuit, dated 13th Instant, on account of salary & batta to the establishment on circuit for the 1st half Month of January (Rupees 249) Two hundred & forty nine.

Madura 15th January 1841 (Sig'd) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 16
To The Judge
Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date I beg to inform you of my entire concurrence in the Nomination of Annasawmy Iyen to the situation of Government Pleader.

Madura 18th January 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 18
To The Acting Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 17th Ultimo & its enclosure, I have the honor to forward for your information Copies of an address of the 10th Instant from the Tassildar of Madacolum & a deposition of the Nattamgar, Curnum and head inhabitants of Soorengoody, to effect that the 7th Chains of land alluded to in your letter under acknowledgment is included in the Oloogoo or survey accounts of their Village as the Village, however, is much nearer to the Princl. Station in your Collectorate than to that in mine, I trust you will be good enough to enquire into and dispose of the case, informing me only of the decision you may pass. at the same time I beg to refer you to my two letters of the 1st March & 7th August last of which no notice seems yet to have been taken.

Madura 18th January 1841 (Sig'd) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 19

To The British Resident of

Travancore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 15th Instant I have the honor to inform you instructions have been given to receive the messenger entrusted with His Highness the Rajah's intended present for the Pylurry Pagoda with due respect and to afford the receipt required.

Madura 18th January 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 20

To The Register to the Provincial Court of Appeal

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Court that the demise, on the 10th Instant, of Bodadoo Gooroo Swamy Paria Odear thaven, the Zemindar of Shevagunga, of Cuttrax; he has no issue but has left behind him four widows; the right of succession is claimed by his next brother, Gowra Vallabha thaven, aged 19 years, who is also without issue, but his only wife is now pregnant; & by an address of the 9th Instant from the deceased, I find he made a will in favor of this brother.

He has also left one other brother a boy of 13 years of age, named Ramaswamy thaven; & two sisters names unknown.

Madura 18th January 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collector

No. 21

To The Collector of

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the security bond executed upon stamped paper by Annajee Row according to the form furnished in your letter of the 15th Instant, received yesterday.

Madura 18th January 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 23

To The Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th Instant I would beg leave to ask you if the boundary dispute between the villages of Maittalaputty and Paindalagoody be not of the nature of those cognizable under Regulation XII of 1816; & secondly if under the minutes of the 22d May 1835 the right of jurisdiction in this particular border rests with me or not.

If you answer these in the affirmative I am of opinion you can only support your view of the Government claim by a suit in the Zillah Court; but that meantime my decision must be inforced.

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If you deny the two first demands may I request you will inform me if you claim the right of jurisdiction on that boundary & if so what steps you have taken to prevent frights & bloodshed, or what steps you mean to take, that I may, if possible, concur with

If there are errors & irregularities in my orders on the subject, supposing you admit my right of jurisdiction, such irregularities shall not bar their inforcement; but you can if you please bring them to the notice of higher Authority.—

Madura 18th January 1841 — No. 24 — (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

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In answer to Mr. Thompson's letter of the 15th May 1840 I have the honor to forward copies of an address dated 24th December last from the superintendent of the Rameswaram Pagoda & a deposition given by the Nattamgars and others; & as you will therein perceive that the Poovannee people are willing to settle the matter in dispute by an oath of either party I request you will be good enough to apprize me of the wishes of the Inhabitants of Manyatchee on the subject

Madura 18th January 1841 — No. 25 — (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

To The Principal Collector of Coimbetoor

Sir,

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In consequence of the malversation of the superintendent of Thanapa Moodeliar's Kuttay in the Meenatchee Pagoda of Madura I have the honor to request you will cause the attachment of the free gift village of Erramaramputty & of the Maniam lands of Paleapollium in Caroor, as allotments to that Kuttay, and forward me the collections thereof for the current fusly 1250 and in future.—

Madura 19th January 1841 — No. 26 — (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

D

In consequence of the malversation of the Thumbaran superintendent of Thanapa Moodeliar's Kuttay in the Meenatchee Pagoda of Madura I have the honor to request you will cause the attachment of the village of Coodyputty, talook of Nadoomundalom, allotted to it, & henceforth remit me the Collections.—

Madura 19th January 1841 — Signed J Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 28

To The Assistant Commissary General
Southern Division
Sir,
Trichinopoly

In answer to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I beg to inform you that the selling price of 1st 2nd & 3rd sort of Paddy in the Madura Bazar is at present respectively 79. 71 & 56 Rupees per garce, and I think Summbah or fine Paddy will not hereafter exceed the rate 35 Pagodas per garce. Horse gram sells at 94 Rupees and Chunnay at 230 Rupees per garce and the produce is abundant this year. I think + the price of these two grains will fall considerably. the probable Quantity procurable in this district is Horse gram 50 garce and Bengal gram garce 10

Madura 19th January 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

No. 29

To The Register to the Southern Provincial Court of appeal
Trichinopoly
Sir,

For the information of the Judges, I have the honor to report a Peon of the Zillah Court at this place has served a summons upon of the Goomastas of the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga, in my office, requiring their attendance before the Provincial Court, on the 25th Current, to give evidence in Sudr appeal Suit No. 13 of 1835 As their absence from their duties at Madura will be detrimental to the Revenue affairs of the Zemindary, I have the honor to request Interrogatories may be sent and the Answers of the parties taken before the Zillah Judge.

Their names are as follows

Goomastee Bagavunt Row — Goomastee Mootoocurpa Pillay
Ditto Deechampur — Ditto Arrovogum Moodely

Madura 20th January 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collector

No. 30

To the Superintendent of Pensions
Fort St. George
Sir,

I have the honor to forward Monthly returns of the Military prisoners in charge of public Bungalows &c. for last month

Madura 1st January 1841, Despatched 21st January} (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. N

To The Judge of Madura
Sir,

I have the honor to send you the original documents called for in your letter of the 18th Instant and request they may be returned when they can be dispensed with.

Madura 21st January 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

D To The Register to the Provincial Court of Appeal No. 32 23

Sir, Trichinopoly 12

With reference to Para 6 of the Extract from the Proceed[ings] of the Southern Provincial Court of Appeal under date the 18th May 184[0] adverting to Para 15 of the Proceedings of the Court of Sudr Udalut of [the] 4th Idem, I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Accountant Gener[al] in favor of the Register of that Court for Company's Rupees one Lac, bei[ng] surplus funds of the Assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga for fully 12[...] for investment in the 4 per Cent Loan in his name as Register of th[e] said Court for the time being, for the benefit of the successful party to the Zemindary in question before the Queen in Council.

Madura 25th January 1841 (Sig.d) J Blackburne Pr. Coll.r

No. 35

D To The Collector of

Sir, Tinnevelly

I have the honor to annex Copy of a letter of the 21 Instant this day received from the Civil Auditor, I hope you will ha[ve] the goodness to answer it direct if it appears to you, as it does to me, to have been forwarded by mistake to my address.

(Sig.d) J Blackburne Pr. Coll.r

Madura 25th January 1841 No. 37

To The Collector of

Sir Trichinopoly

D I have the honor to request the loan of 300 rolls of Stampt paper of 8 Anas value each of size No. 2, which shall be returned as soon as my supply already indented for is received.

(Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Coll.r

Madura 27th January 1841 Triplicate

D This is to certify that a detachment of the 5th Regime[nt] N. I. consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naique & 6 Privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition, on the 21st Instant, in charg[e] of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th & were detained till the 29th [to] escort convicts on their return.

(Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Coll.r

Madura 27th January 1841 No. 39

To The Collector & Magistrate of

Sir Tinnevelly

R I had yesterday the honor to receive your letter of the 25th Instant, I cannot but consider the Minutes of the 22d May 1835

approve of the adjudication of border disputes between Collectorates by the officer whose principal station is nearest to the spot in dispute, and that any party objecting to his decision must have recourse to the Civil Courts. — If the disputed boundary be between the Col. territories & independent or protected states then alone does it seem to me of sufficient importance to warrant a reference to Government. — This Collectorate is bounded by four others, disputes are by no means infrequent but may always be easily adjusted without reference to Govt. as indeed is not infrequently the practice, not only with them, but also with the independent state of Poodoocotay. — Neither does it seem necessary or desirable to leave these disputes to the deliberate decision of the Civil Courts — to leave the one in question undecided & uncared for till their tardy decree can be in common justice expected would be the watch word for an affray that might cost many lives. — To prevent such is the duty of the Collector & Magistrate & on the principle of the Minute of the 24th May 1835, as the nearest public officer to the spot in dispute, I awarded the land temporarily to the parties whom I found had long been in possession. In every stage of the proceeding I endeavored to keep you aware of what I was doing & when I had come to a decision I forwarded it to you & begged your co-operation. Was there any thing in it at variance to Section XI of Regulation V of 1822? — was there any thing in it at variance with equity? I think not — yet you objected to it as illegal and erroneous. — I endeavored to persuade you to the contrary, but fearing the want of success I have since experienced, I begged you to offer any other proposition for the safety of this border that I might, if possible, have concurred in it. — but you content yourself with finding fault with my proceedings yet will not do any thing yourself to meet the difficulty — a difficulty I humbly conceive arising only from the obstacles interposed by yourself. — If I did depart from the precise line I originally marked out for myself I had still authority to do so — there was nothing illegal or irregular in taking the complaint of the Pottah ryot rather than Zemindar & the course was more simple & convenient — Nor were the claims of the Governmt. as proprietor overlooked; but even supposing they had been I know of no other course than those already suggested of seeking redress thro' the Civil Courts or direct application to Government thro' the proper office in which you have authority to interfere. & even if you had authority to supervise my decision, if it was not contrary to justice, it could hardly be set aside for want of attention to forms

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as shewn in clause 2 section XVI Regulation V of 1822 Besides is it not evident from the accounts of your own office that not a cash has ever been collected from the disputed land by the Co since the assumption? consequently my decision can have entailed no loss on Government & the last para: of it expressly warned the losing party, if dissatisfied, to seek redress in the Civil Courts — I had no intention to injure the rights of Government the decision does no wrong to the rights of Government.—

The authority I exercised, & as I hoped, unfortunately without grounds, with your full approbation, was fully vested in me when aided by the Minutes of 22d May 1835, by clause 2 section 51 Regulation XI of 1816, in character of Magistrate; and under this explanation I trust you will now permit me to expect your cooperation or at least absence of opposition, in the execution of my decision.—

Madura 27th January 1841 No. 41 Sig'd J Blackburn Dr Co

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To The Secretary to the Committee for Public Instruction and for the College of Madras

Sir

When in compliance with my recommendation of 18th September 1837, & 14th January following, the Government were pleased under date the 14th March 1838, to make a donation of Rupees 3000 to the American Missionaries of Madura, in aid of education, in consequence of the momentary distressed state of their finances, their wants were entirely relieved and their schools, then in infancy, were supported & invigorated, and have ever since increased in strength, number & apparent permanency — An insufficiency of funds again oppresses them, & unless relieved they must be compelled to close their English schools which would be greatly to be lamented.—

But for the labors of these gentlemen, & of Mr Hubbard a member of the Propagation society, on whom devolves also all the clerical duties of the station, & whose scholars do not exceed 30, there is little doubt that education, it may fairly be said, would have been entirely abandoned at Madura on the closing of the Collectorate and Tahsildary schools, which involved an expense of only 324 Rupees per annum, but in substitution of which no plan has yet been put in effect.— I therefore trust the Committee will, in consideration of the accompanying statement & Remarks, both without date, shewing a correct view of educational

operations, the fair field to extend them, limitted only by the want of means there set forth, & crediting the high service done by the former most liberal donations, be induced to use their influence with Government to afford further assistance either in shape of a donation, or of an annual allowance resumable at pleasure & without warning. In conclusion I would beg to ask if more effectual means could possibly be taken for paving the way for whatever may be the result of Governments determination on a general plan of education for the whole country, & once more recommending my wishes to the protection of the Committee —

Madura 29th January 1841 No. 42 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

To The Resident of Tanjaour

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22d October last I have the honor to forward copy of an address dated the 24th Instant from the Ameen of Amraoty maintaining that the land claimed by the Ryots of Kooroongaloor in Poodoocottah is not within the limits of His Excellency the Rajah Tondiman Bahader, but in the village of Arainanayagel, of the Zemindary of Shevagungah, in which opinion I fully concur on reference to the permanent settlement account of fusly 1212 of the Zemindary in question in my records, where it is clearly shewn as giving a revenue of Chuckrums 145 & fanam 1 1/8 as per accompanying Extract —

Madura 30th January 1841 No. 43 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

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To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 3d November last I have the honor to inform you that out of Rupees 10-15-" advanced for the repairs & improvements of the high road from Madura to Quilon in the limits of Puttumpoodoor in Madacalum Talook, Rs. 2.13." were undisbursed & recovered for which sum credit will be given in my accounts for the current month under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors" & I request you will be good enough to give me a corresponding debit —

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Madura 30th January 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 47 27

To The Acting Principal Collector of Tanjaour 14

Sir,

D I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr. H. D. Cook at sight for the sum of Company's Rupees (50) fifty, being the amount paid into this Treasury by Mr. J. J. Franklin in charge of the Manar Survey, which sum will be credited to you under the head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors.

Madura Sindoopatty 5th February 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Exchange for Company's Rupees .... 50.

To The Acting Principal Collector of Tanjaour

Sir,

D At sight please to pay to Mr. H. D. Cook or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees fifty, being the amount paid into this Treasury by Mr. J. J. Franklin, in charge of Manar Survey which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors.

Madura, Sindoopatty 5th February 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 48

To The Collector of Trichenopoly

Sir,

D I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo accompanied by 300 Rs of stampt paper of 8 anas value each.

Madura Sindoopatty 5th February 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 49.

To The Collector of Trichenopoly

Sir

D I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 200 Rs of stampt paper of 4 anas value returned with your letter of the 30th Ultimo

Madura Sindoopatty 5th February 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

D Received from the Judge in the Zillah of Madura the sum of Rupees (987-5-3) Nine hundred & eighty seven, anas five & pice three, being the amount of fees, fines & penalties levied and proceeds of sales of paper in last Month.

Madura 20th February 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 54

To The Superintendent of the
Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 11th Ultimo I have the honor to annex a Register of prizes paid in the 2d Class of the 67th Government Lottery, accompanied by a Bill on the Accountant General in favor of the Superintendant & Treasurer of the Government Bank for one unpaid prize of Rupees 150 one hundred & fifty.–

Madura 11th February 1841

Signed J Blackburne
Ds. Collector

Register of Prizes paid & unpaid in the 2d Class of the 67th Government Lottery in the districts of Madura & Dindigul.–

	Number	Prize	Number	Prize	Number	Prize	Number	Prize
Prize Paid	382	150	888	150	1378	200	1888	150
	383	150	889	150	1379	400	1889	200.
	738	150	915	200	1381	400		
							Rupees	2300
Ditto unpaid	....	....	....	....	....	....	1383	150

Sigd. J Blackburne
Ds. Collr.

No. 55

To The Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 9th Instant accompanied by an Extract from the Retrenchment of your accounts for July 1249 I have the honor to inform you that it seems to me the special sanction required by the Civil Auditor should be procured by you as the Convicts belonging to your district, & I have every Month furnished you the necessary Vouchers for the particulars of the charges incurred on account of Pay of Peons, Batta to convicts, & other Items– This suggestion is supported by a remark of the Accountant General in a Memo: of similar adjustment of my Accounts, vizt. "In conformity with the orders of Government published in the Fort Saint George "Gazette dated 9th June 1837, Page 432, this charge is debitable to Comba-conum & should be simply debited to the Collector of Tanjore in your accounts, leaving the adjustment of the several items of Charge to that Collectorate."

Madura 12th February 1841

Sigd. J Blackburne
Ds. Collr.

No. 56

To The Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to apprise you I have this day applied to the officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army for

D for men to escort 4½ or 5 lacs of Rupees from hence to the Presidency on the 5th proximo.

Madura 12th February 1841 — Sigd J Blackburne Pl Collr

Similar to the Principal Collector of Tanjore No 57.
Ditto to the Principal Collector of South Arcot No 58
Ditto to the Collector of Chingleput ... No 59

No 61

To The Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will cause a sufficient

D escort for 4½ or possibly 5 lacs of rupees destined for the Presidency to be at the Madura treasury on the 5th Proximo.

Madura 12th February 1841 — Sigd J Blackburne Pl Collr

No 64

To The Register to the Southern Provincial Court of Appeal
Trichinopoly

Sir,

As required in your letter of the 4th Ultimo enclo-

D -sing Copy of a List presented by the Respondants vakeel in O No 13 of 1835, I have the honor to forward Copies of the Accounts therein designated.

Madura 12th February 1841 — Sigd J Blackburne Pl Collr

No 65

To The Superintendent of Pensions
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Monthly return of the Military

D Pensioners in charge of public Bungalows &c for last Month.

Madura 13th February 1841 — Sigd J Blackburne Pl Collr

No 66

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 11th Instant I beg to suggest

D you should yourself summon the dependents of Sorrungoody whose attendance you require; as you have not fixed any day or place or given their names I am unable to do more than give a general expression of my wish to the Tasildar that your summonses may meet with due attention.

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of the letters of the 5th Augt 18 November last.

Madura 13th February 1841 — Sigd J Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 68

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding the 4 Quires of Medium paper requested in your letter of this day's date.

Madura 15th February 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Prin.l Coll.r

Memorandum

The accompanying letter of the 8th Instant regarding dismissal of the Kottaunagar of Oappelipetty in Syrumpully from the Board of Revenue is forwarded for perusal of the Sub Collector.

Madura 16th February 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Coll.r

No. 72

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th Instant I have the honor to inform you the Inhabitants of Poovaunee are not willing to have their claim decided by Punchayet after the non execution of the decree in another Village in the same Zemindary by your predecessor, & I have therefore recommended their claim should be carried into the Moonsiff's Court, to which I hope no objection will be found.

Madura Meyloor 24th February 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Coll.r

No. 75

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you, that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of P. McIntyre, senior assistant Apothecary in Medical Charge of Manar Survey party, at Tuticorin, for the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred & twenty nine, which sum will be credited to you under the head of Remittances & Transfers between Collectors.

Madura, Meyloor 26th February 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Co.

Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 129

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

At sight please to pay to Mr. P. McIntyre, senior Assistant Apothecary, in Medical Charge of Manar Survey party, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred & twenty nine, which sum will be credited to you under

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the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors"

Madura Meylore 26th February 1841 (Sig.d) J Blackburn
Pr. Coll.

Triplicate

This is to certify that a Detachment of the 5th Regiment N.I. Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue & 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Instant, in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th & were at liberty to return the [illegible]

Madura 27th February 1841 (Signed) J Blackburn
Pr. Coll.

No. 78

To The Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 24th Ultimo I have the honor to forward statement of the Comparative Salt sales for Coimbatoor Salem & Trichinopoly in this Collectorate for the first half years of fuslies 1249 & 1250

Madura 1st March 1841 Signed J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 79

To The Superintendent of Government Lottery Fort St. George

Sir,

I request you will be so good as to furnish me with 20 more Tickets in the present Lottery if you think proper

Madura 2d. March 1841 Signed J Blackburn
Prinl. Collector

No. 80

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

I have the honor to transmit Copy of a Rowanah issued for 1 Maund & 4 Viss of Opium, Consigned to Palamcotay in your District & request, in the event of its not arriving within the limited Period, that intimation may be given to enable me to make enquiry as to its disposal

Madura 3d. March 1841 Signed J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 82

To The Zillah Judge

Madura

Sir,

In answer to your enquiry of yesterday's date if I can satisfy the decree in O. S. No. 89 of 1840 by appropriating part of the income of the village of Goripolium, alienated in favor of a Mosque, I have the honor to submit that attention to the Preamble & to the 2d Section of Regulation VI of 1831 seems to me to prohibit compliance with your wishes. —

Madura 3d March 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin[l]. Collector

No. 83

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

The supply of stamp paper indented for by me for the present year not having been as yet received, I have the honor to request a further loan of 200 rolls of stamp paper of 8 annas each, which, with the 300 you were so good as to lend me on the 30th January last, will be returned as soon as my supply is received from Madras, indented for on the 14th January. —

Madura 4th March 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin[l]. Collector

No. 89

To The Collector of Chingelput

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. J Horsely, Judge & Criminal Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his salary for last month leaving you to draw, & credit, on his account to the Civil fund, as noted in the margin; & request that the sum may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors. —

Salary 2333-5-4
Deduct
Civil fund
@ 4 per Cent 93-5-4
Do widows
new fund
@ 1 per cent 23-5-4 116.10.8
Rs ... 2216.10.8

Madura 5th March 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin[l]. Collector

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No. 90

To The Officer Commanding Southern Division of the Army at 17

Madura

Sir,

In obedience to the instructions of the Min. Com. of the 8th September over looked till this Minute, I have the honor to request you will supply me with public Carriage for the five lacs of Rupees to be dispatched hence on arrival of the guard you have ordered for its escort, from Trichinopoly to the Presidency, when the Carts I have hired can return from the former place.

Madura 6th March 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Received from the Judge in the Zillah of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (810.3.11) Eight hundred and ten, anas three, & pice Eleven, being the Amount of fees, fines & penalties levied & proceeds of sales of paper &c. in last Month.

Madura 9th March 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 92

To The Sub Treasurer

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Cadjan Bill for Rupees 12000 on Nacheyapa Chetty at Madras, drawn by Natcotay Rama-nauden Chetty of Davicotay for balance due by Mahomed Abdul Cassim Maracayer, one of the grain Contractors of the Assumed Zemin-dary of Shevagunga for fusly 1249, & request you will inform me of the realization of the Amount.

Madura 10th March 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 93

To The Superintendent of Stamps

Fort St. George

Sir

I have

I have the honor to bring to your notice that of the 5000 rolls of Stampt papers indented for by me on the 14th January not one has been supplied, tho' I particularly begged 1000 Rolls of 8 anas value might be despatched by banghy so great was my want of them. — On two different occasions the Collector of Trichinopoly has been so good as to lend me 350 rolls but cannot afford me the additional numbers I am in want of tho' I informed him of the date of my indent. —

If there has been any thing irregular or wanting in my application to you I hope you will be good enough to inform me that I may avoid similar error in future; & under any circumstances I request you will be so good as to forward me by the next banghees 1000 rolls of 8 anas paper each & 25 rolls of 4 Rs. paper each. —

Madura Meyloor
13th March 1841. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

No 94

To The Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of 50 stampt papers at 8 anas each which accompanied your letter of the 9th Instant. —

Madura Meyloor
13th March 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

No 97

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbatoor

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot, Assistant Collector of your district, for Salary &ca. paid to him from the Treasury for last Month, which is debitted in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & credit, on his account to the Civil fund; & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Salary	350-"-"
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6¼ per cent	21-14-"
	328-2-"
Tent allowance	42-"-"
House rent	35-"-"
Rupees	405-2-"

Madura 14th
March 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 99 35

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To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

D Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General I have the honor to send in charge of the accompanying guard under the escort of Lieutt. A. Doria of the 5th Regiment N. I. the sum of Company's Rupees (5,00000) five lacs, as per Invoice enclosed the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge..

Madura 15th March 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

P.S. The Original receipt granted by Lieutt. A. Doria for the above is also enclosed..
Signed J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 100

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

D Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General I have this day dispatched to the Presidency in charge of a Guard the sum of Companys Rupees (5,00000) five lacs as per duplicate Invoice enclosed..
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 15th March 1841

P.S. The Duplicate receipt granted by Lieutt. A. D. for the above is also enclosed..
R Signed J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 15th March 1841

D I do hereby Certify that I received under my charge from the Principal Collector of Madura, 25 Boxes, on 25 Bandies, said to contain Treasure of various coins to the Amount of Company's Rupees (5,00000) five lacs, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency together with the sum of Company's Rupees eight & annas twelve for lamp Oil on the road..

(Signed) A. Doria Lieutt.
5th Regt. N. I.

Duplicate

D Received from the Principal Collector of Madura, in good order, well conditioned, 25 Boxes, said to contain Treasure, of various Coins to the amount of Company's Rupees (5,00000) five lacs to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency.

Madura 15th March 1841.. (Sigd) A. Doria Lieutt.
5th Regt. N. I.

No 100

To The Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an original letter of the 9th Instant from the Principal Collector of Nellore, with its enclosures, as he has there mistakenly desired the adjustment to be made by me which is your province.—

I have advised him of his error & of the present communication.—

Madura Meyloor
16th March 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 101

To The Principal Collector of

Nellore

Sir,

Perceiving your mistake in forwarding the bills of the Assistant Judge of Madura, with your letter of the 9th Instant, to me for adjustment, I have done myself the honor to forward it & them to the Collector of Tinnevelly.—

Madura Meyloor
16th March 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No 102

To The Principal Collector & Magistrate

of Tanjore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 31st August last I have at length the honor to forward you my opinion in the shape of a decision passed on the personal enquiry of my Maramut Superintendent, whose plan & Copy of whose address I have the honor to forward for your information, & hope it may prove satisfactory to the parties Concerned.—

Madura Meyloor
14th March 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No 103

Memorandum

Annexed is copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor agreeably to the requisition in which the retrenchment will be carried into effect from this current month's salary unless Mr. Arbuthnot has valid objections to offer.—

Meyloor 13 March 1841

Sigd J Blackburne
Pl. Collr

Mr. C J Arbuthnot late actg. Hd. Asst. Collr in Coimbatore

No. 104

To The Superintendent of the
Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 10th Ultimo I have the honor to annex a Register of Tickets sold in the first Class of the 68th Government Lottery, accompanied by a Bill on the Accountant General, in favor of the Superintendent & Treasurer of the Government bank, for Rupees (1600) one thousand & Six hundred.—

Madura 15th March 1841 }
Despd. 16th

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Register of the Tickets sold in the first Class of the 68th Government Lottery in the Districts of Madura & Dindegul.—

	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	56	40	64	40	552	40	1050	40	1548	40
	57	40	65	40	553	40	1051	40	1549	40
	58	40	546	40	554	40	1052	40	1550	40
	59	40	547	40	555	40	1053	40	1551	40
Sold ...	60	40	548	40	1046	40	1054	40	1552	40
	61	40	549	40	1047	40	1055	40	1553	40
	62	40	550	40	1048	40	1546	40	1554	40
	63	40	551	40	1049	40	1547	40	1555	40
								Rupees		1600

(Sd.) J Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

No. 108

To The Superintendent of Pensions
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Monthly return of the Military Pensioners in charge of Public Bungalows &c. for last Month

Madura 1st March 1841 }
Despatched 18th

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 111

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Statement of repairs to the high road in the limits of Puttimpoodoor, as required in your letter of the 12th Instant, received on the 16th.—

Madura Mylore 20th March 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No 112

To the Principal Collector of
Sir, Tanjore

I have the honor to advise you, I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mootyapillay at Negapatam for Company's Rupees one hundred & eighty two, Anas thirteen & pice seven, which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura Mayloor
21st March 1841.

Signed J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees 182-13-7

To The Principal Collector of
Sir, Tanjore

At ten days after sight please to pay to Mootyapillay at Negapatam, the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred & eighty two, Anas thirteen & pice seven, being the Amount with drawn by Paurengapawny from Government Savings Bank, which sum will be credited to you in my Accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura Mayloor
21st March 1841.

Signed J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 117

To The Judge of
Sir, Madura

In answer to your letter of the 11 Instant I have the honor to inform you there is no Paddy in the Ain District, but I have directed the Davastanum Tasildar of Shevagunga to be prepared to send 1000 Colloms of Coarse Paddy from the nearest villages to the Madura fort. The price including charge of transport is Rupees 1639-15-6 averaging 1-10-2 4/16 per Collom. If you have no objection to this price, I am ready to furnish the quantity required immediately.

Madura
Mayloor 24th
March 1841.

Signed J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 118

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St George

D Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Bill at 40 days sight, for Rupees 15000 on Nautcherappa Chitty, at Madras drawn by Rama=nadsa Chitty, in payment for grain due by him to the Shevagunga Estate.

Madura Meyloor
25th March 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Triplicate

D This is to Certify that a detachment of the 5th Regiment N.I. Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue & 8 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at My requisition, on the 21st instant, in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27, & were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura
27 March 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No 120

Ditto:

D The accompanying Tamil Almanac is forwarded for the use of the Sub Collector.

Meyloor 27 March 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

No 124

To The Judge of
Madura

D Sir,

As required by your letter of the 25th Ultimo I have the honor to forward, as per Lists accompanying them, the original Proceedings in No 179 of 1837 & 9 of 1836, which latter I have ascertained thro' the Government Vakeel is erroneously inserted as a case of 1837 in your letter under acknowledgement.

Madura Manapakar
2d April 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

D Received from Mr Horsley, Zillah Judge of Madura, the sum of Rs 1092 " 3, being the amount of fees, fines & penalties, & the proceeds of sale of Paper &c in the Month of March last.

Madura Tovrencourchey 6th
April 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 128

To The Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 30th Ultimo I have the honor to return you with thanks 100 rolls of stampt paper of 8 anas each out of the 350 you were so good as to lend me on the 30th January & 9th March last; the other 250 shall be forwarded to you as soon as the remainder of my supply is received from Madras, as advised by the Superint. of Stamps to be about to be forwarded by successive Banghy tappals on the 18th Ultimo.— D

Madura Thoveranccurchee
6th April 1841. } (Sig'd) J Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

No. 129

Memorandum

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward the Sub Collector a Copy & Translations of Acts of the Supreme Government specified in the Margin.— D

Eng.h XXII to XXV of 1840
Tam.l IX of — do.
Mah. VIII XVI & XVII of — do.

Madura Thoverencourchy 6th
April 1841. } (Sig'd) J Blackburne
Princ.l Coll.r

No. 130

To The Superintendent of Stationary
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you one cooly load of Stationary only was delivered at my office in Madura on the 5th Instant, the bearer reporting that two other coolies who started with him having taken the route by Tanjore he waited for them in vain for 8 days at a halting place 9 miles north of Madura.— D

Madura Nuttum 7th
April 1841. } (Sig'd) J Blackburne
Princ.l Coll.r

No. 131

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbattore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. C. T. Arbuthnot, Asst. Collector of your District, for Salary &ca paid to him from this Treasury for last month, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw & Credit, on his account, to the Civil fund; I request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors.— D

Salary	350
deduct Civil fund @ 6 per Cent	21.1[illegible]
	328
Tent allowance	42
House Rent	35
Rs.	405

Madura Cottampatty 8 April 1841 (Sig'd) J Blackburne
P. Coll.r

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No 132

To The Collector of Chengelput

Sir,

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I have the honor to enclose Duplicate Bills of Mr. J. Hinsley, Judge & Criminal Judge of your District, for salary paid to him from this Treasury from 1st to 3d March, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw & Credit, on his account to the Civil fund; & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & transfers between Collectors"

Salary — 225-12-11
deduct Civil fund @4 per ct. 9-6
do widows new fund @1 per ct. 2-4-2 11-4-8
Rs. ... 214-8-3-

Madura Cottamputty }
8th April 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 134

To The Assistant Judge of Salem
Coimbatore

Sir,

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In compliance with your request of the 4th Ultimo I have the honor to enclose 3 Copies of documents on 3 of the 4 sheets of stamp paper furnished, one being returned blank because a single sheet being found insufficient for the 4th document the party (in whose favor they were desired) was required to procure more which he declined doing, stating that a bond of Compromise was about to be executed between him & his opponent.

Madura Cottamputty }
8th April 1841. }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 136

To The Superintendent of Stationary
Fort St George

Sir,

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With reference to my letter of the 7th Instant I have the honor to inform you the other 2 Parcels of Stationary were brought & delivered into my office on the 9th & I beg to return the receipt which accompanied your letter of the 11th Ultimo duly signed.

Madura 12th }
April 1841. }

Sig'd J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 137

To The Sub Collector

Sir, Dindigul D

I have the honor to forward a Parcel received from the Superintendent of Stationary with Accompanying receipt, & request you will be good enough to return it with your signature for transmission to that Gentleman.

Madura 12th April 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin^l. Collector

No 127

To The Superintendent of Pensions

Sir, Fort St George D

I have the honor to forward Monthly return of the Military Pensioners in charge of public Bungalows &ca for last Month.

Madura 1st April 1841 Despatched 13th } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin^l. Collr.

No 139

To The British Resident of Travancore

Sir,

To facilitate the Transmission of Cotton from the Cotton districts of Tinnevelly & Ramnad, & for other general purposes, I am contemplating the reconstruction of the Road for 77 miles from Camoothe to Ramnad, & thence to the adjoining ports of Dewapatam & Keelacurrai, at a very Considerable expence. D

In carrying out the plan I find it very desirable to lead the road thro' 3 Collas & 30 measures of Nunjah seed land; & 2¾ Coorkums of Punjah, of which last 1½ coorkums is altogether unfit for Cultivation, in the Chuttrum village of Kakoor, talook of Moodoocullattoor, Zemindary of Ramnad. The Ryots, unwilling to inconvenience themselves for a great public

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benefit hesitate to accept a price in equivalent & urge as an additional impediment the right of H. H. the Rajah of Travancore to the Govt. Share of the produce . .

May I request you will be so good as to induce His highness to authorize his Carnavildar to enter into such agreement as may be found fair & just, either to receive other lands in equivalent, if it can be found, or to receive a fair appraised price for it. I would not have troubled you & H. H. on the matter if I was not informed by the Surveyor & Native servants that this particular spot is of real importance to the project.

Madura 13th April 1841 | (Signed) J Blackburne, Princl. Collector.

No. 140.

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to return you with many thanks the remaining 250 rolls of stampt paper of 8 anas each, you were so good as to lend me.

Madura 15th April 1841 | (Sigd) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 141

To The British Resident of Tanjaour.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 12th Instant & its enclosure I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Tassildar of Maroongapoory dated 23d January last, & of my order thereon, from which I trust His Excellency the Rajah Toudiman Bahadoor will feel satisfied that the Inhabitants of Poodoocottah have no right of interferrace with the land.

(Sigd) J Blackburne

Madura 16th April 1841. Princl. Collector

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No 142

To The Superintendent of Pensions

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 2 Nominal Rolls of Pensioners of the 2d and 7th classes, residing in this Collectorate, as per Form furnished in your circular of the 27th February last.

Madura 16th April 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

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No 143

To The Officer Commanding

Southern Division

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to return the price Lists of Materials & hire of workmen in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul with my signature affixed thereto, as required on the 12th Ultimo.

Madura 16th April 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

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No 147

Captain J. V. Hughes

Superintendent of Cotton Planters

Tinnevelly

Sir,

Under date the 15th Ultimo the Board of Revenue, apprising me of the despatch of 20 barrels of Cotton seed, "procured from America by Captain Bayles & received on the Thomas Grenville" I begged they would inform me of the nature of the soil for which it was adapted — whether for the deep black loam or for lighter inland soil, or for that of the sea shore; as also if it was annual or triennial; in answer to which I was referred to you by a letter dated 5th Instant, received yesterday, and I beg accordingly to be favored with any information you may have it in your power to afford me.

Madura 19th April 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

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No 149

To The Sub Treasurer

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Cadjan Draft drawn by Nattoocotay Letchmanan Chitty on Nattoocotay Pereanen Chitty

Chetty in Pavalacaura Street, of Moottial pettah Madras for Company's Rupees 7813, at 40 days sight, for payment of Grain sold to him in the Assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga for Fusly 1249.—

Madura 22d April 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 150

To The Principal Collector of Coimbettore

Sir,

Agreeably to your desire of the 17th Instant I have the honor to advise you I have, this day, drawn upon you a Bill in your favor for Company's Rupees Five hundred & thirty, paid into this Treasury by Soobbien, Vakeel of the Manager of Ramnad, for four elephants purchased from the Company in your Collectorate, which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura 24th April 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne,
Princl. Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . 530 . . —

To The Principal Collector of Coimbettore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to the Principal Collr. of Coimbettore the sum of Company's Rupees Five hundred & thirty, being the amount value of four Elephants purchased by Soobbien, the Vakeel of the Zemindary of Ramnad, paid into my Treasury, which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".—

Madura 24th April 1841.

(Signd) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 152

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to send accompanying the Proceedings in O. S. 119 of 1837 (together with a list) as required in your letter of the 21st Instant.—

Madura 24th April 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 5th Regiment N. I., Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue & 6 Privates, Marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Instant in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th, & were detained till the 29th to escort Convicts on their return.

Madura 27th April 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

No. 154

To The Judge
Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, in which it notices the M Petn 740 of 1841 therein alluded to as sent but which seems to have been accidentally omitted. I beg leave to refer you to my former reasons for declining to furnish the required documents, as shewn in my letter of the 29th July last, Vizt because some were not in my possession & I would not give a possibility of letting the others be used to my disadvantage I being defendant in the Case which I had allowed to go by default, & which suit should therefore be disposed of under the provisions of Section XIII Regulation III of 1802, on the exhibits & evidence produced by the plaintiff.

By the petition of the plaintiff formerly furnished me he required many documents that to me seemed altogether irrelevant to the matter at issue. Section X Regulation XV of 1814 requires a record by the Court of points to be proved by the parties, which does not seem to me to have been done in the present Case. If, however, the Court has given these points, & deems each of the 25 papers noted in the petition necessary to the Consideration of those points, I shall no longer hesitate to furnish them, tho' I shall reserve to myself the right of submitting the question for higher Consideration.

Madura 28th April 1841. } Signed J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

No. 155

To The Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 2 Rowanahs & 3 Port clearances of your Collectorate, erroneously sent to me by the Custom officers at Jaffna, & received by me on the 10th Instt.

Madura 29th April 1841 Sgd J Blackburne
Pl Collr

No 158

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Memorandum

The accompanying Copy of a report of Mr. assistant Surgeon Christie, furnished by the Superintending Surgeon Southern Division on the 14th November 1839; & extracts from the Collector's reports of the 25th November 1812 & 15th May 1813 to the Board of Revenue, which contain all the recorded notice of bad endemic fever in Madura & Dindigul, are forwarded for the information of the Sub Collector.

Madura 29th April 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

To The Sub Collector
Dindigul

No 159

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To The Principal Collector
Coimbattore

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th March & its enclosures I have the honor to request the balance of rent of Eramarampetty village for the present year may be collected & remitted to me.

With respect to the miscalled maniam lands in Pollapolliem I find the cultivator has hitherto paid, without dispute, a sawmy Bhogom, or landlord's rent, as shewn in his written agreement. In event of his now objecting to continue the payment I request you will have the goodness to take the land from him & give it for Cultivation next fusly to anyone willing to pay.

Madura 6th May 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 160

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To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a cadjan draft drawn by Nattorcotay Aroonachellum chitty of Davacotay on Nattocotay Naugapa chitty at Madras for Company's Rupees 3043, at 40 days sight, for amount of kist due by Moothoovadooganauda Tever Zemindar of Cuttanoor Sub Division in the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga for fusly 1250.

Madura 8 May 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Received from Mr. I Horsley, Zillah Judge of Madura [the] sum of Company's Rupees (708-4-) Seven hundred & eight and [an]nas four, being the amount of Fees, fines & penalties, & the proceeds [of] Sale of paper &ca in last Month.

Madura 8th May 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 161

To The Judge & Criminal Judge of Madura

Sir,

I request you will be good enough to furnish me with a return of arms accoutrements ammunition &ca in your charge, shewing the receipts, issues, & balance remaining up to 30th Ultimo, to enable me to have a correct entry in my returns, [&] that the same may be sent me as soon after the end of July, October & January in each year as practicable to ensure timely transmission of my Returns. Form accompanies.

Madura 7th May 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Despatched 10th Prinl. Collr.

No. 162

To The Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot, Assistant Collector of your District, for Salary &ca paid to him from this Treasury for last Month, which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the margin; leaving you to draw, & credit on his account to the Civil fund, & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors."

Salary	350 " "
deduct Civil fund at 6 per cent	21-14 "
	328. 2 "
Tent allowance	42 " "
House Rent	35 " "
Rupees	405-2 "

Madura 11th May 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 163

To The Superintendent of Government Lottery Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the two Second

No. 1055 class Tickets of the 68th Government Lottery as noted in the
1548 Margin as requested in your letter of the 8th Instant .. 25

D Madura 11th May 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 169

To The Superintendent
of Pensions
Fort St. George

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward Monthly return of the Military pensioners in charge of Public Bungalows &ca for last Month..

Madura 15th May 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 170

To The Principal Collector
Tanjaour

Sir,

R 1.. After examination by my superintendent Maistry of the matter in dispute between the inhabitants of Saingaum in Tanjore & Covemakedungoo in this Collectorate I passed my decision, leaving the dissatisfied party to seek redress in the Civil Courts; communicating that decision to you with the documents on which it is founded, on the 14th March..

2 .. In your letter of the 10th Instant, received yesterday, you disapprove of it & propose to obtain a fresh one by the united inspection of the ground of quarrel by our two superintending Maistrees..

3 .. My Maistry is employed in important work west of the place, whither I also proceed tomorrow, & which is about 90 miles from the spot in dispute. There is no hope my Maistry will take a different view of the subject on reexamination; hence, unless inspection makes your Maistry adopt his views we are farther from a decision than before..

But it is to be expected personal inspection will induce your Maistry to adopt the views of mine as already communicated

you, in which case the present order might be allowed to stand?

You are, I believe, within 20 or 25 miles of the spot — you have before you the information on which I acted; & if you will go there yourself & take my documents into consideration in your decree in the matter, I willingly consent to the cancel of my own & upholding of yours whatever it may be.

Or, if your people will give a written consent to abide by the decision of two out of a punchayet to be formed by your and my superintending maistries aided by a third person in revenue charge of a talook, the nomination of whom shall be left to you or me to be chosen by lot, I will endeavor to get a similar bond from the parties in this Collectorate.

— Did the proposition in your letter hold out prospect of a judicial settlement I would have adopted it with pleasure, not-withstanding the inconvenience it would put me to.

Madura 15th May 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector.

No. 172

To The Superintendent of the Government Lottery Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 16th Ultimo, I have the honor to annex a Register of Tickets renewed in the 2d class of the 68th Government Lottery accompanied by a Bill on the Accountant General in favor of the Superintendent & Treasurer of the Government Bank, for Rupees (1820) one thousand eight hundred & Twenty with 4 unrenewed Tickets.

Madura 17th May 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne P.C.

Register of Tickets renewed & returned in the 2d class of the 68th Government Lottery in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul.

	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value		No.
Renewed	56	70	63	70	550	70	555	70	1050	70	1552	70	Returned	62
	57	70	546	70	551	70	1046	70	1052	70				65
	59	70	547	70	552	70	1047	70	1054	70	Rs.	1820		1053
	60	70	548	70	553	70	1048	70	1550	70				1555
	61	70	549	70	554	70	1049	70	1551	70				

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Coll^r

No. 174

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To The Superintendent

of the Government Lottery

Sir, Fort St. George

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With reference to the remarks pencilled at the foot of the Register of Tickets received, & returned, for the 2nd Class of the 68th Government Lottery annexed in my letter of the 17 Instant, I have the honor to forward 3 first class Tickets, since received.

Madura, Therooumungalom 27th May 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Princ. Collector

No. 175

To The Officer Commanding 14th Regt. Madras N. I.

Sir, Midnapore

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In answer to your letter of the 7th Inst. I have the honor to inform you your draft for 75 Rupees was paid to Moot Kistna Naick on the 14th Instant; & the subsequent one for 80 Rupees to the bearer of it on the same Date.

Madura Therooumungalom 23d May 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Princ. Collector

No. 176

To The Superintendent of the Governmt. Lottery

Sir, Fort Saint George

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Agreeably to your letter of the 22d Ultimo I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes paid in the 1st Class of the 68th Government Lottery, accompanied by a Bill on the Accountant General, in favor of the Supt. & Treasurer of the Govt. Bank, for an unpaid Prize of Rupees (70) seventy.

Madura Therooumungalom 25th May 1841 (Sigd) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Register of Prizes paid and unpaid in the 1st class of the 68th Government Lottery in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul.

	Number	Prize	Number	Prize
Prize paid	58	70	1051	70
	64	70	1549	70
			Rs.	280
Ditto unpaid			1546	70

Madura Therooumungalom 25th May 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Princ. Collr.

No. 178

To The Judge of
Sir, Madura

In reference to your letter of the 22d Ultimo I have
the honor to enclose Copy of an address from the Davastanum
Tahsildar of Shevagungah, reporting that a vastage of 8½ Cullums
of Paddy has been claimed in his supply of 270 & odd Cullums to the
Jail, and ascribing it to the improper and over measurement by the
Convicts. Unless you can shew cause why the measurement by your
servants is to be admitted, I request you will be good enough to put
a stop to any further receipts of the remainder, which ought to be
ready for delivery in a day or two, till we can unite in appoint-
ment of a measurer, as arbiter, or can agree upon some other
fair mode of delivery.

Madura Theroomungalum }
27th May 1841 }
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 5th Regiment N. I.
Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 6 Privates, Marched from Ramnad
to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Instant, in charge of
Treasure; arrived there on the 27th & were at liberty to return the
Next day.

Madura 27th }
May 1841 }
(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 179

Memorandum

The Head Assistant Collector is requested to state what
sum he wishes to remit monthly to Madras by bills on the
Accountant General from July to December next.

Madura 29th }
May 1841 }
(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 180

To The Collector of
Sir, Trichinopoly

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter received
from

from the Board of Revenue conveying the sanction of Government for transferring payment of the yeomiah of Mahomed ally to your authority, together with a Descriptive Roll & last pay Certificate.

Madura 29th May 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Principal Collector

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No. 181

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 26th instant I have the honor to forward copy of a Deposition of the chokeydar at Madura from which you will perceive no fraud has been committed here, there seems to be no objection to a dealer selling his sugar on the road and as to the sugar candy it is not, according to the Tariff, an article subject to Government duty. The sugars liable to duty are "Sugar Brown of Bengal" "of Royapoor &c" "Sugar of a fine quality from Madras or other place to the Northward" "Sugar cane Jaggery" & "china sugar" the original Rowana is herewith returned.

Madura 29th May 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

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No. 183

To The Sub Treasurer Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a draft, drawn by Nalloocotay Palaniyappa chitty, on Nalloocotay Arunachellum chitty in Pavalacauren Street at Moottalapettah, Madras, for Company's Rupees 3000, at 15 days sight, for grain sold to Dhorasawmy Iyengar & chockalingom pillay in the assumed Zemindary of Shivagunga for fusly 1250.

Madura 7th June 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

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No. 184

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

On receipt of your information of yesterday's date

that my letter of the 29th Ultimo did not give cover to the Rowanah it purported to do, I caused search and enquiry to be made, It is not forthcoming: the Head Accountant seems quite assured it was despatched, & I have full recollection that when the cover was sent from my room, to be sealed &c in the office, the Rowanahs & deposition of the Chokeydar were with.

Perhaps on a renewed search it may be found in your office We keep no Copies or I would forward you a duplicate.

Madura 2nd June 1841. } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin'l Collector

No 185

To The Superintendent of Vaccination Madura

Sir,

The vaccination returns for April having only been received this morning I have the honor to point out the inutility of any attempts at verification, & that I propose hereafter never to impose that labor on the Tasildars unless they reach my office within ten days from the time they are due.

Madura 3d June 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin'l Collector

No 186

To The Officer Commanding the 8th Dn of the Army Trichinopoly

Sir,

On the demand of the Accountant General I have proposed to send two lacs of Rupees to the presidency in charge of the Officer Commanding the Escort of treasure about to leave Tinnevelly, & I am aware of no reason likely to make him dispense with it, or modify the amount.

Madura 3d June 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin'l Collector

No 187

To The Collector of Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to return the 2 bills of Lieut. P. M. Francis for his Salary & that of his establishment for February last which accompanied your letter of the 24th April for verification by your signature.

Madura 3d June 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Pl Collr

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No 188

To The British Resident of

Sir, Travencore & Cochin

With reference to your letter of the 11th Ultimo giving Cover to Copies of reports from the Dewans of Travancore & Cochin on the Manufacture &ca of Salt in those districts, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me how many para make a Madras Garce, & the price of a Garce in Company's Rupees. I am under the necessity to give you this trouble as the reports afford no data by which I may be guided.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 4th June 1841.

No 191.

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Memorandum.

In reply to his Head assistants Memo: of the 2d Instant the Principal Collector requests he will be so good as to release the Dheloyet Ramasamy from confinement & restore him his badge, as the one punishment is illegal & the other unauthorized.

If the head assistant sent a written order to the Cutwal to put the Deloyet into confinement the Collector requests to be favored with a copy. If the man was incarcerated on a verbal order only, the Asstt. Collector is requested to abstain from such a course in future.

All desires for suspension or stoppage of pay of public servants, with the detail of whose conduct the head assistant is entrusted, must be communicated for the sanction of the collector previous to being carried into effect.

If the head asstt. does not like to retain the services of Dheloyet Ramasawmy, & will send him back to Madura, another shall be sent in his room.

Madura 5th June 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To

The Head Asstt. Collector
Ramnad

No 193

To The Principal Collector of

Sir, Coimbatore

I have the honor to advise you, that I have this day drawn upon you a bill, in your favor, for CRs eight & anas four, being the amount paid into my Treasury by Mr C. J. Arbuthnot, Acting Head Assistant Collector of this District, which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collector's".

Madura 7th June 1841. } (Signed) J Blackburne Principal Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . . . . R. a. p. 8 - 4 ..

To The Principal Collector of

Sir, Coimbatore

At sight please to pay to the Prinl Collector of Coimbatore the sum of Company's Rupees eight & anas four + being the amount paid into my Treasury by Mr C. J. Arbuthnot, Acting Head Asstt of this District, which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collector's".

+ For public Posted Bearers

Madura 7th June 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Principal Collector

No 194

To The Judge of

Sir, Madura

I have the honor to request you will inform me what portion of your Salary you wish to remit monthly by Bills on the Accountant General at Madras from July to December next so as to enable me to forward my Half yearly Statement to the

Accountant General in due time, as required by a circular from hi[s] of the 20th November last; & I further request you will be good enough to furnish me this information before the 10th of June & December in each year.

Madura 7th June 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prind. Collector

D Received from the acting Judge of the Zillah of Madu[ra] the sum of Company's Rupees (534-14-6) Five hundred & thirty four anas fourteen & Pice six, being the amount of Fees, Fine & Penalties & the proceeds of sales of paper &c in last Month.

Madura Shembore 9th June 1841. } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 196

To The Judge in the Zillah of
Cuddapah

Sir,

D In answer to your letter of the 26th March I have the honor to enclose an Original Security Bond of the 13th April and receipt taken from Mattoor Appavoo on the 28th Idem for Rupees 41-15-4, being amount of subscription due to his deceased Brother, Ramalingamoodely, late Head Writer of your court, on account of Native Pension fund; & I beg to apologize for the delay in forwarding them to you.

Madura 14th June 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Prind. Collector

No. 197

To The Principal Collector of
Tanjaour

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward 3 Rowanahs & 1 Port clearance of your collectorate erroneously sent to me by the Custom officers at Jaffna, & received by me on the 12th Instant.

Madura 14th June 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

No. 201

To The Superintendent of Pensions
Sir, Fort Saint George

I have the honor to forward Monthly return of the Military pensioners in charge of Public Bungalows &ca for last Month.

Madura 17th June 1841.
(Sig'd) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Received on the 27th October 1840 from Mr. J. Gill, Assistt. Surgeon of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (31-8-) Thirty one & annas eight, being the amount of pay drawn on account of Narracoosawmy 2d. Class Vaccinator of the Dindigul District.

Madura 19th June 1841
(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Received on the 16th March 1841, from Mr. J. Gill, Assistt. Surgeon of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (21-"-) Twenty one, being the Pay of a 2d. Class Vaccinator at Dindigul for 2 Months during absence from his station, without leave

Madura 19th June 1841
(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Received from Mr. Gill, Assistant Surgeon of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (14-"-) Fourteen, being refund of pay of Ramen chitty, 1st class Vaccinator, for May.

Madura 19th June 1841
(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 202

To The Collector of Sea Customs
Sir, Madras

I have the honor to forward statements No. 1 & 2, shewing the value of articles Imported and Exported, together with statement No. 3, of Ships and Tonnage, arriving at, and departing from, the Ports of this district, during the official year 1840/41, as required by your letter of the 24th ultimo.

The gross amount of Import duty

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Collected in 1839/40 was Rupees		8005	" 3
Ditto Export Duty		5507	10 2
		13512	10 5
Ditto of Import Duty 1840/41	8032 - 8 - 4		
Ditto Export Duty	5021 - 1 - 8	13053	10 "
Decrease		459	" 5

From the amount of Gross Collections Rupees — 13053 — 10 — "

Deduct

Charges Collection &c.	1599 . 8 . "	
Sauderwared	42 " "	
Repairing Sea Custom Choukey at Pamban	19 - 15 - 5	1661 - 7 - 5
Net Collections		11392 - 2 - 7

Imports
1839/40 Rs. 184930
1840/41 " 194147
Increase — 9217

The increase is in copper, Iron & lead from Madras, areca Nuts, chank & salt fish from Columbo; & other articles Imported during the present year are greater than the last, amounting to Rupees 54880 — deduct decrease in Paddy, from Tanjore, & from Madura to its interior ports; Chay Root from Columbo, & Tamarinds from Travancore to amount of Rupees 45663, the Net increase in the present year is Rupees 9217.

Exports
1839/40 — Rs. 955100
1840/41 " 807557
Decrease — 147543 —

The decrease of Rupees 294962 in the Exports is Cheefly in Cotton to Madras; Chanks to Bengal; Tobacco to Malabar, & Paddy to Madura from interior Ports, not being so extensive as in last year; — deduct Increase in Paddy & Piece goods to Columbo, & Paddy to Tinnevelly to amount of Rupees 147419, the Net decrease in the present year is Rs. 14754[illegible]

In the charges of Collection there is a decrease arising from the incorporation of the Pamban Choukeydar's pay with that of Head Pilot in the present year.

	1839/40	1840/41	Decrease
Servants pay	1983 - 11 - 5	1599 - 8 - "	384 - 3 - 5
Sadrewared	42 " "	42 " "	" " "
Repair of choukees	20 " "	19 - 15 - 5	" " 7

The following Statement exhibits the return of Imports & Exports.

	Madras	Tanjore	Madura	Tinnevelly	Malabar	Vizagapatam	Bengal	Ceylon	Travancore	Cochin	Karical
Imports	34714	25450	26725	756	419	185	4410	92623	8568	252	45
Exports	61293	2240	26181	9343	"	"	20433	687344	723	"	"

Madura 21st June 1841 — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Col. Collr.

No 203

To The Acting Collector of Sea Customs

Sir,

Madras

I have the honor to forward statements, No 1 & 2, shewing the Imports & Exports at the Frontier Choukies in this District, for the Official year 1840/41, as required by your letter of the 24th Ultimo.—

There is a decrease in the Imports of the Frontier Choukey in the present year amounting to Rupees 6519, & in the Exports to the Amount of Rupees 4604; the former principally in arica Nuts from Travancore; & the latter in cloths from this District.—

Imports
1839/40 — Rs 39444
1840/41 — 32925
Decrease — 6519

Exports
1839/40 — Rs 28401
1840/41 — 23797
Decrease — 4604

The gross amount of Duty Collected on the general Trade of the District, including the rents of Betel & Tobacco, was

in 1839/40	269937	13	"
1840/41	272958	8	"
Increase	3020	11	"

From the Gross amt of Duty Collected Rs 272958 — 8 — "

Deduct

Expence of Collection	11724-4-7			
Sauderwared &c	859-13-"			
Sea Custom Draw back charges	14928-3-3	27512	4	10
Net amount of Land Custom		245446	3	2

Madura
21st June 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

No 204

To The Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army

Sir,

Trichinopoly

I have the honor to apprize you I have this day, learned by a letter of the 19th Instant, that the Accountant General wishes to have only one lac of Rupees despatched from Madura under the escort about to arrive from Palamcotay.—

Madura 23d Thotthiencoliny
23d June 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

No 205

To The Sub Treasurer

Sir,

Fort St George

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant

General I have, this day, despatched to the Presidency, in charge of a Guard, the sum of Company's Rupees 100000, one Lac, as per duplicate Invoice enclosed.

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Madura 26th June 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

P. S.

The Duplicate receipt granted by Lieut. A. Armstrong for the above is also enclosed.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 206

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountt. General I have the honor to send in charge of the accompanying Guard under command of Lieut. A. Armstrong of the 5th Regiment, N. I., the sum of Company's Rupees 100000 one Lac, as per Invoice enclosed, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

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Madura 26th June 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

P. S.

The Original receipt granted by Lieut. A. Armstrong for the above is also enclosed.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 26th June 1841.

I do hereby certify, that I received under my charge from the Principal Collector of Madura, 5 Boxes on 5 Bandies said to contain Treasure of Various coins to the amount of CRs. 100000 one Lac, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency; together with the sum of CRs. Eight & anas twelve for Lamp Oil on the Road.

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(Signed) A. Armstrong Lieut.
5th Regt. N. I.

Duplicate

Madura 26th June 1841.

Received from the Prinl. Collr. of Madura, in good order & well conditioned, 5 Boxes, said to contain Treasure of various Coins to the amount of CRs. 100000 one Lac, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency.

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(Signed) A. Armstrong Lieut.
5th Regt. N. I.

Triplicate

This is to certify that a Detachment of the 5th Regiment N.I. Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue & 6 privates, Marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Instant in charge of Treasure arrived there on the 27th & were at liberty to return the Next day.—

Madura 27th June 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 208

To The Principal Collector of North Arcot
Chittoor

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Account particular No. 3 of your Collectorate for May last, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me for what period the amount of recovery has been made on account of retrenchmt. against Mr. A. M. Owen, Hd. Asst. Collr. of Madura— I likewise beg to be informed if the refund is inclusive, or Exclusive, of his Subscription to the Civil fund.—

Madura 28th June 1841

(Sigd) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 209

To The Principal Collector of
Tanjore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 21st Instt., annexing an Extract from the retrenchmt. of your accounts for July 1840, I have the honor to inform you that it seems to me the special sanction required by the Civil Auditor should be procured by you, as the Convicts belong to your District, & I have every Month furnished you the Necessary Vouchers for the particulars of the charges incurred on account of Pay of Peons, Batta to Convicts, & other Items— this suggestion is supported by a remark of the Acctt. Genl. in a Memo: of similar adjustmt. of my Accts. furnishd. to your office on the 15th Augt. 1839, Viz: that "In conformity with the orders "of Government publishd. in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 9th June "1837, Page 432, this charge is debitable to Combaconum, & should "be simply debited to the Collector of Tanjore in your accounts, "leaving the adjustment of the several Items of charge "to that Collectorate."

Madura
28th June 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

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No 211

To The Lieutenant Jenkins
In charge of operations at
Sir, Pamben

I have the honor to forward transcript of a letter of the 21st Instant from the Board of Revenue in Department of Public Works, together with the plan of the Bungalow and list of material, dimensions &c, and request the two last may be returned with the items filled up & your views on the subject for Communication to the Board.

Madura 29th June 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburn Princl. Collector

No 212

Memorandum

D The Principal Collector begs to remind the Acting Head Assistant the Bills for his salary & allowances for last Month, sent to him for signature on the 1st Instant, have not been returned: & begs at the same time, to inform him that his pay in future will not be issued till the receipt of his bills & receipts.

Madura 29th June 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburn Princl. Collr.

No 214

To The Zillah Judge
Sir, Madura

I have the honor to forward for your perusal and return D a letter from the provincial Court of Appeal, which, I hope, will induce you to withdraw your warrant for the seizure of four servants out of my office, attempted to be executed this day.

Madura 30th June 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburn Princl. Collr.

No 215

To The Register to the Provincial Court of Appeal
Sir, Trichinopoly

I have the honor to request you will call to

to the recollection of the Judges my letter to your address of the 20th January, and their answer of the 23d of the same month — and to inform them that a warrant has this day been attempted to be put in force for the seizure of the 4 servants therein alluded to. The warrant bears the signature of the Acting Zillah Judge, and purports to be issued by order of the Judges of the Provincial Court.

I have the honor to request you will move the Court to cause withdrawal of the order, & to proceed in the manner promised on the 23d January.

Madura
30th June 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 216

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 6 Bills of Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot, assistant Collector of your District, for salary &ca. paid to him from this Treasury for May & June, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the margin, leaving you to draw, & credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Salary	700 ..
Deduct Civil fund @ 6% per cent	43.12
	656.4
Tent allowance	84 ..
House rent	70 ..
Rs.	810.4

Madura
2d July 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 218

To The Judge of
Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date, received just now, demanding to know if the Police officer of Madacolum refused assistance to a court peon entrusted with execution of a process of attachment, under a decree of the Provincial Court, passed on

Complaint of 1816 /[illegible] years ago/ I have the honor to request, befor[e] I make a reference to that officer, to know under authority of what regulation, & under what circumstances, the Court Pro[vincial] thought proper to ask for such assistance.—

Madura
3d July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

No. 223

To The Surveyor General
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to forward a half yearly return of the D maps of this District furnished for the use of my office.—

Madura
6th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collect[or]

Half yearly return of the Maps &c. in the Office of the Principal Collector of Madura and Dindigul.—

Title	Scale	State	Remarks
Map of Madura & Shevagunga	2 Miles to an inch	In good order but very much worn	A new one desirable as shewn in the remar[ks] since 3d January 184[0]
Do. of Shevagunga Zemindary	2000 yards to an inch	In very good order	
Do. of Ramnad — do.	2 Miles to an inch	much worn & many names illegible	
Do. of Dindigul District	ditto	very much worn	A new copy very desirable as shewn in the remarks since 3d January 1840
2 Copies of sections 80 & 81 of Arrow Smiths India Atlas comprising part of Ramnad, Shevagunga & Nuttom in Meyloor.—		In very good order	
Desp. 6th July	Madura 30th June 1841 E.E. for		(Sd.) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 225

To The Judge
Sir, Madura

D I am sorry to be under the necessity to return your [ind]en[t] & account current for last month, this day received, in consequen[ce] of

of being precluded by order of the Civil Auditor from issuing any pay to you from the 3d to 30th both inclusive, because, as he says, of your not having obtained leave to be absent from the discharge of your duties, & in consequence of Mr. Bishop having taken charge of the Court on the 3d Ultimo...

Madura
7th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 228

To The Officer Commanding Detachment of the 5th Regiment Native Infantry
Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 23d Ultimo I have the honor to forward transcript of four Tamil documents which shew the compromise of the affairs alluded to in the letter of the Officer Commanding the 51st Regiment to your address...

Madura
7th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 229

To The Register to the Court of Foujdary Udalut
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward statements of charges for establishment, and Batta and other contingencies incurred, in Fusly 1249, on account of Convicts from Combaconum, working at Paumbon; & request you will be good enough to obtain me the sanction of Government for Rupees 2380 „ 5 The items composing this amount were paid in this Collectorate, & the requisite vouchers furnished monthly to the Prin.l Collector of Tanjore, who has twice refused undertaking to obtain the necessary sanction at my request, made with reference to a remark of the Accountant General on a former occasion "that in conformity to the orders of

"of Government published in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 9th "June 1837, page 432, this charge is debitable to Coombaconum, & "should be simply debited to the Collector of Tanjore, leaving the "adjustment of the several items of charge to that Collectorate.

The reason he assigns for the refusal is that it cannot be in his power to make any remarks on the accounts or to afford any information the Government may require as to any of the items composing them, & that the disbursements having been made by me it should rest with me to obtain the Authority of Government for the disbursements. His acceptance of my monthly reference to him on the subject has prevented me from submitting the statements at an earlier period for sanction.–

When the Collector of Trichinopoly requested me to obtain sanction for the sums disbursed on account of Convicts from that station I sent him a copy of the Accountant General's remark above quoted, & as I have not since heard from him I presume he has made the necessary application himself. I beg, therefore, to be informed for future guidance by whom the application for the Authority of Government should be made;– by the officer making the disbursement, or he to whose Collectorate convict belongs.

Madura
10th July 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Magte.

Received from the Judge of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (614 - 9 - 11) Six hundred & fourteen, anas nine & pice eleven, being the amount of fees, fine & Penalties, and the proceeds of sale of paper &c. in last Month.–

Madura
Ooslempatty
10th July 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Coll.

No 232

To The Superintendent of Pensions

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to forward Monthly return of the Military Pensioners incharge of the Public Bungalows &c. for last Month.

Madura 17th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne

Prin. Collr.

No 234

To The Superintendent of stamps

Sir Fort St. George

I have the honor to retransmit the Quarterly statement of stamp paper ending 30th April last, duly Corrected as requested in your letter of the 14th instant. The difference of Ana 1 Pice 6 was credited in may 1841.

Madura 19th July 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne

Prin. Collr.

No 235

To The Collector of

Sir, Trichinopoly

I have the honor to inform you that the yeomiah allowance of Mahomed ally, No 70, was charged in the accounts of this office from February to April of the current year as usual & retained in deposit as it was not drawn by him in consequence of his absence during the above period from this station; I therefore request you will be good enough to pay to the said Mahomed ally Rs. 14, or @ 4-10-8 per Month, for which sum due credit will be given you in my accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collrs."

Madura 19th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne

Prin. Collr.

No. 238

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D To The Collector of

Sir, Trichinopoly

I have the honor to enclose first of a sett of Bills of the third Judge on Circuit, dated 15th instant; on account of Salary & Batta to the Establishment on circuit for the first half Month of July / Rupees 81-2 / Eighty one & anas two.

Madura 19th July 1841. (Signed) J Blackburn

Prin^l. Coll^r.

No. 239

To The Superintendent of Stationary

Sir, Madras

D The supplys of penknives from 1836 to 38 was small; & as 10 only of the 18 indented for in 1840 were distributed as far as they would go amongst the English Establishment leaving the rest of this & servants of other Departments to wait the receipt of another supply & as they are much in want of knives, those in use being much worn I beg you will be good enough to send me as soon as possible the 12 Indented for. for the current year as promised in your letter of the 11th March last.

Madura 19th July 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne

Prin^l. Collector

No. 240

Memorandum

The Prin^l. Coll^r. has the honor to request the Sub Collector

D to furnish his annual Indent for stationary & other articles required for his office so as to reach this Office before the 8th October next to enable him to send his Indent to the Military Board on the 10th according to the stationary Rules of the 17th May 1841, published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, Page 417.

Madura 19 July 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

Pr. Coll^r.

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

No. 242

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Draft of Natoocotay Chinnan chitty, on Natoocotay Arnachellum chitty, for Company's Rupees 5000, at 60 days sight; & another, for Rs. 7000, of Arnachellum chitty on Nagapah chitty in Pavalacaura street at Moottialpett, Madras, at 40 days sight, for payment of Grain sold to Dhordasawmy Iyengar & Chokalingumpillay, & Mahomed Abdul Cauder Moracayer, in the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga, for fusly 1250.

Madura
19th July 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 243

To The Register to the Court of Foujdary Adawlut
Fort Saint George

Sir,

As the Civil Auditor states that sanction ought to be procured by me for charges incurred on account of convicts of the Collectorate of Trichinopoly working at Paumbon, in consequence of their having been employed under my superintendence, since forwarding my letter of the 10th Instant, I have the honor, therefore, to forward the statements for Establishment, Batta & other contingent charges for fusly 1249, amounting to Rupees 673-14-, & request the sanction of Government may be obtained to enable the Auditor to pass it in the Accounts of that District.

There is a difference of Rupees 231-2-2 between the retrenchment & the statements now submitted; Rupees 133 is occasioned by omission of pay of the Establishment for March & June 1839, & Rupees 98-2-2 is in batta & contingent charges for June within fusly 1249, in the accounts submitted by the Collector of Trichinopoly to the Civil Auditor.

Madura
19th July 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

No 244

To The Collector of
Sir, Trichinopoly

With reference to an address from the Peshcar of the Mee-
-natchee Davastanom at Madura, copy of which is herewith inclosed
I have the honor to request you will remit me the revenue of the
village of Chockanadapoorum for last fusly..

Madura 20th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

No 247

To The Judge of
Sir, Madura

I have the honor to forward a warrant to the Jailor with Appa
Iyengar, Sumperdy of Saseevarnaiswaren Covil, in the assumed Zemin-
of Shevagungah, for default to satisfy a demand of Rupees 130 - 10 - 8,
embezzled by him, to be confined in the Jail under section VI -
Regulation IX of 1822 till further orders..

Madura 22nd July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

No 248

To The Zillah Judge
Sir, Madura

If you will do me the favor to afford me perusal
of the decree in O. S. No 89 of 1840 I hope I may be able to concur
with the opinion given in your letter of this date on the
subject of it..

Madura 26th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Coll^r

No. 249

To The Principal Collector
Sir, in the Northern Division of Arcot

In answer to your letter of the 3rd Instt. I have the honor to forward Copy of one received from the Civil Auditor dated 20th annexing a memorandum of sums retrenched against Mr. Owen with reference to which I have credited Rupees 19 11 5, and request you will be so good as to pay Mr. Owen Rupees 2 7 9 being the difference of Tentage & House Rent, & Rupees 1 3 8, his subscription repaid from the Civil fund. Total Rupees 3 11 5, for which sum credit will be given in my accounts for the Current Month under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors"

Madura
26th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

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No. 250

To The Secretary to the Marine Board
Sir, Madras

In answer to your Circular of the 8th Instant, not received till the 11th, I have the honor to inform you no tidings can be procured of the Brig "Stree Govindao Rajooloo", after very careful enquiry by Lieut. Jenkins at Paumbon.

Madura 27th July 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

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Triplicate

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 5th Regiment N. I, Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue & 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Instt., in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th & were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura 27th July 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

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No 251

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To The Judge

Sir, Madura

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In answer to your letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you that Regulation IV of 1831 with the repeal of its third section by act XXIII of 1838 prohibits the attachment of the Ranee Angoo Moottoo Nachyars allowance in satisfaction of any decisions of the Courts.

Madura 27th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prind. Collector

No 253

To The Collector of

Sir, Tinnevelly

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I have the honor to advise you, that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr. J. T. Bishop for Company's Rs. three hundred & eight & anas seven on account of his salary & house rent, as a Senior Merchant out of Employ, for June; which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors."

Madura 28th July 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Colltr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 308 7 ..

To The Collector of

Sir Tinnevelly

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At sight please to pay to Mr. J. T. Bishop the sum of Company's Rupees three hundred & eight & anas seven, being his salary & house rent as a senior merchant out of Employ for June 1841, which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the Head of Remittances & Transfers between Collectors."

Salary Rs.	291-10-8
Deduct Civil fund	18-3-8
	273-7-..
House rent	35-..-..
	308-7-..

Madura 28th July 1841. (Sigd) J Blackburne Pl. Colltr.

No. 254

To The Superintendent of the Government Lottery

Sir, Fort Saint George

Agreeably to your letter of the 6th Instt. I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes paid in the 2d class of the 68th Government Lottery with the Tickets.

Madura 28th July 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne

Prinl. Collector

Register of Prizes paid in the 2d Class of the 68th Governmt. Lottery in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul.

	No.	Prize	
Prizes	63	160	
	1048	160	
	1550	160	
	Rupees	480	Sigd J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 255

To The Judge of

Sir, Madura

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to prepare the Estimate of Receipts & charges of your Court for the Current official year 1841/42, and Comparative Statement for 1840/41 in the usual form, with the necessary explanations despatching them as early as practicable to this office, to enable me to forward mine in due time.

Madura 30th July 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

Prinl. Collr.

No. 257

To The Collector of

Sir, Trichinopoly

I have the honor to enclose copy of an address dated

D the 28th ultimo from the Chouckydar of Madura explanatory of his omission to enter a limit in a Rowanah granted by him to vaelen Chetty & Mootoo Curpen Chetty, on the 9th Idem, for exportation of Cloths &ca to Penang; & as the reason he assigns appears satisfactory, I request you will be good enough to order release of the goods stated by the parties above named to have been seized in the Chouckey at Trichinopoly in consequence of the omission.

Madura 2d August 1841. (Signed) J Blackburn
Prinl. Collr.

No. 259

To The Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

D I have the honor to enclose first of a sett of Bills of the 3d Judge on Circuit, dated 31st ultimo, on account of his Salary & that of the Establishment on Circuit for the 2d Half Month of July (Rupees 697-8) Six hundred & Ninety seven & Anas Eight.

Madura 4th August 1841. (Signed) J Blackburn
Prinl. Collr.

No. 260

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

D Sir,

Salary	350 " "
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per cent	21-14 "
	328-2 "
Tent allowance	47 " "
House rent	35 " "
Rs.	405-2 "

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot, Asst. Collr. of your District, for Salary &ca paid to him from this Treasury for last Month, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the margin, leaving you to draw, & credit, on his account, to the Civil fund; & request that the same be adjusted in your accounts under the head of Remittances & Transfers between Collectors.

(Signed) J Blackburn
Pl. Collr.

Madura 4th August 1841.

To The Principal Collector of

Sir, Tanjore

I have the honor to return the notice duly served as requested in your letter of the 28th Ultimo.

Madura 4th August 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne

Prinl. Collr.

No. 263

To The Zillah Judge

Sir, Madura

I have the honor to inclose Copy of an address of one of the Public servants in my employ of the 4th Instt. Just received, & to inform you that if he is, as I believe, at Theroopavanum, I have directed him to attend you as quickly as possible & I request you will be so good as to arrange that he may return to his duty the same day.

At the same time I have the honor to request you will inform me of the Cause of departure from the Rule laid down for guidance that no servants of a Collector are to be called away by direct summons till it has been ascertained by Communication with him that his absence at that particular time will not be inconvenient to the Public interest.

In this particular mans case this novel proceeding has been now pursued three times & in the Case of 3 others summoned

in the same Cause this method has been adopted twice & is now probably under adoption a third time.—

Madura Thiroopattoor } (Signed) J Blackburne
9th August 1841 } Princl. Collr.

No. 264

To The Judge
Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 9th Inst; not received till this morning, in consequence as I imagine of the late hour at which it was sent to my office in Madura. I have the honor to inform you that receiving the Zemindar of Karoosatutty being in a state of mind unfitting him for the charge of his Estate it has been temporarily Sequestered by me & is now under my charge.—

Madura Thiroopattoor } (Signed) J Blackburne
11th August 1841 } Princl. Collector

Received from the Acting Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (496.13.9) four hundred & ninety six, anas thirteen, & pice nine, being the amount of fees Fines & Penalties &ca. for the Month of July.—

Madura Thiroopattoor } (Signed) J Blackburne
11th August 1841 } Princl. Collector

To

No. 266

To The Judge of

Sir, Madura

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In the Accompanying Indent & account Current for July received with your letter of the 7th Instant, your subscription to the Civil & widow's fund to amount of Rupees 225 8 11 is twice deducted, first in the Indent, which leaves a balance of Rs. 6746 " 11, And again from this sum as entered in the Account Current. I request therefore another Account Current may be prepared, & in order to prevent unnecessary delay, sent direct to my office at Madura.

I take this opportunity to inform you I have received instructions from the Civil Auditor to stop 1/6 of your Salary, Rs. 362 15 5 out of Rupees 2177 12 6 from the 3rd to 30th June last on account of your absence on sick Certificate.

Madura Thiroopattoor 12th August 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne, Prinl. Collr.

No. 267 Memorandum

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The Principal Collector has the honor to forward for the sub Collector's office Printed Copies and Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government specified in the Margin.

Engh. I to VI of 1841
Do. Issued for 1840
Tamil XIII, XIV, XVI, XVII & XXII of Do.
Mah. VI & IX of Do.

Madura 16th August 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne, Prinl. Collector

No 268 | 17 | 40

To the Superintendent of Pensions

D Sir, Fort Saint George

I have the honor to forward Monthly return of the Military Pensioners in charge of the Public Bungalow's &ca for last Month.

Madura 17th August 1841 (Signed) J Blackburn

Prin'l Collr

No 269

To the Sub Treasurer

D Sir, Fort Saint George

I have the honor to forward a Draft of Nattoocotay Chinnan Chitty on Nattoocotay Arnachellum Chitty in Pavalacara street at Moottial pettah, Madras, for Rs 8000, at 60 days sight, for payment of Grain sold to Dhorasawmy Iyengar & Chokalingum Pillay, in the assumed Zemindar of Shevagungah for Fusly 1250.

Madura 18th August 1841. (Signed) J Blackburn

Prin'l Collect

No 270

To The Collector of

D Sir, Guntoor

Salary	733-5-4
deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ percent	45-13-4
	687-8-..
House rent	35-..-..
Tent allowance	42-..-..
	Rs 764-8-..

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills in duplicate of Mr. F. Copleston, Head assist. Collector of your district, for Salary &ca paid to him from this Treasury for last Month, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin; leaving you to draw, & credit, on his account to the Civil fund; & request that the same may

be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & transfers between Collectors.

Madura 19th August 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

No. 272 Provl. Collector

To The Judge in the Zillah of

Sir, Madura

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instt. & have issued order to Aroomoogum Moodely and Chedumbara Taudavum Moodely to attend the Court on or before the 22d Instt. The other 3 Witnesses named in the letter are engaged at present in the settlement of the Zemindary for the past fusly & I cannot therefore conveniently dispense with their attendance before the 15th of next Month.

Madura 19th Augt 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

No. 274 Provl. Collr.

To The Judge

Sir, Madura

In reply to your letter of the 19th Instt. I have the honor to repeat the information I gave you in mine of the 11th Idem viz that the Carasaputty estate was under Sequestration & its revenues Collected direct by me.

My intermediate agents are the Ameen of Theroopattoor

Talook, Rama rao, designated as sup. Goomastie of Karosapetty, & the Curnoms & ambalagars of the villages forming the estate.

The wife has no interference whatever in the Collection of the revenues.

Madura 21st August 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne

No. Pl. Collr.

To the Judge in the Zillah of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Extract from the Audit of my accounts for July 1249 & request the information therein required may be furnished me at your earliest Convenience.

Madura 21st Augt 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne

No. 276 Prin. Collr.

Memorandum.

The Prinl. Collr. has the honor to forward the Memo. & Copy of act No. I of 1841. & requests it may be substituted for the Copy sent to the Sub Collectors office on the 16th Instt. & the former returned in order to be sent back to the Govt. office.

Madura 21st Augt. 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne

No. 280 Prinl. Collr.

To Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co.
Agents to Lieut. R. Henderson
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Audit of

my accounts for Fusly 1249 & request that the amount therein retrenched against Lieut. R Henderson may be remitted to me.

Madura 21st August 1841 } Signed J Blackburne Princ. Collr

No. 281

To the Collector of Vizagapatam

Sir;

In forwarding the Extract from the Audit of my accounts for Fusly 1249 I have the honor to inform you that Rs. 2612-4-1 will be debited to you in my accounts for the current Month as therein directed.

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Particulars of Credits Vizt.

Collector of Vizagapatam

June 1839	Amount of Captn. A. D. Butts salary as Assistt. Civil Engineer 8th Dn. from 6th June to 30th November 1838 & from 1st Feby. to 4th April 1839 @ 200 Rs. per month as per his letter dated 10th June 1839	1593-5-4
	Amount of do from 5th April to 31st May 1839 @ 100 Rs. per do as per do	186-10-8
Augt. "	Amount of do for June 1839 as per do dated 6th Augt.	100-"-"
Septr. "	Amount of do for July, as per do dated 13th September	100-"-"
Octr. "	Amount of do for August as per do dated 18th October	100-"-"
Novr. "	Amount of do for Septr. as per do dated 9th November	100-"-"
Decr. "	Amount of do from 1st to 10th [illegible] as per do dated 9th Decr.	32-4-1
		2212-4-1

Collector of Rajamundry

June "	Amount of do for Decr. 1838 & Jany. 1839 as per do dated 27th May 1839	400-"-"
	Rupees	2612-4-1

Madura 21st Augt. 1841 } Signed J Blackburne Princ. Collr

No. 282

To the Princl. Collector of Salem

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Sir;

In forwarding Extract from the Audit of my accounts for Fusly 1249, together with Copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor, bearing date 7th Septr. last, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to adjust the amount of Rs. 1828-7-10 alluded to in the former & Rupees 170-5-4 mentioned in the latter.

Madura 21st Augt 1841 }
Despd 24th Augt . . . }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

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No 284

To The Judge of
Madura

Sir,

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I have the honor to inform you that the villages and Mosque alluded to in the Copy of the decree in O.S. No 189 of 1841, which accompanied your letter of the 27th Ultimo, and taken under my charge at the request of the proprietors, have this day been given back to them; & it remains for the Zillah Court to carry its own decree into execution without interference on my part.

Madura 24th August 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

No 285

To The Sub Collector at
Dindigul

Sir,

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I have the honor to forward Copies of a letter, & Forms of accounts No 18 together with List marked A, received from the Board of Revenue, & dated the 29th ultimo, which are to accompany the settlement Report of the District in future

Madura 24th August 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Triplicate

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This is to Certify that a detachment of the 5th Regiment N. I, Consisting of 1 Naigue & 3 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition, on the 21st Instant, in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th, & were at liberty to return the next day

Madura 27th August 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

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This is to Certify that Havildar Shaik Ahomed, Commanding a guard of the 5th Regiment N. I, has this day delivered into my Treasury (18) Eighteen Boxes Containing (100000) one lac. Rs

Madura 30th Augt 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

No. 286

To The Collector of

Sir,

Tinnevelly

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. acting Collector Ogilvie's letter of the 20th Ultimo and a remittance of One lac of Company's Rupees (100000) and beg to transmit you my receipt for the same.

Madura

2d. September 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 287 Similar letter forwarding duplicate receipt by Post.

No. 288

To The Principal Collector of

Sir,

Tanjore

In answer to the Acting Princl. Collector's letter of the 21st June last, annexing Extract from the retrenchment of your Collectorate for fusly 1249, I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Register to the Court of Fouzdary Adalut to Government, & their sanction appended, with statements of Charges for Establishment & Batta & other Contingencies incurred in the same fusly an account of Convicts transferred from the Jail of Combaconum to Paumbon, together with a Memo: shewing the difference of Rupees 3146-1-7 between the amount retrenched & that disbursed in this District during that year.

Madura 3d.
September 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 289

To The Collector of

Sir,

Trichinopoly

With reference to your letter of the 9th February last I have the honor to forward Copy of one from the Register to the Court of Fouzdary Adalut to Government, & their Sanction appended, with statements of Charges for Establishment & Batta & other Contingencies, incurred in fusly 1249,

on account of Convicts transferred from your District to Paumbon, together with a Memo: shewing the difference of Rupees 231-2-2. between the amount retrenched & that Charged in this Collectorate for that puisly.

Madura 3rd September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin. Collector

No 290

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

With reference to my letter to Mr. Elliot of the 27th July 1839 I request you will be good enough to furnish me with an account particular of the actual expenditure for converting apart of Theroomal Naick's palace into Courts &c. for your Department.

Madura 3rd September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin. Collr.

No 291

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Rowanah of your Collectorate sent to me by mistake by the Custom Collr. of Jaffna.

Madura Theroopavanum 3rd September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin. Collr.

No 292

To The Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

In answer to your Sub Collector's letter of the 28th Ultimo, received yesterday, I have the honor to inform you I have referred the matter for the enquiry of the Sub Collr. of Dindigul & shall be happy in due time in communicating the result; Meantime I beg to inform you Tellahdars have no such power as is represented to be given them, & I should be glad if the

sub Collector would forward me a specimen of the salt he has seized that I may consider if it is sea salt or earth salt the produce of the Poodoocotay Country.

Madura Theroopavanum 2nd September 1841 } Disp'd 3d

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r

No. 293

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill, in favor of Mr. J. F. Bishop, for Comp'y Rupees Three hundred & Eighty and anas seven, on account of his Salary & House Rent, as a senior Merchant out of Employ for July which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors". D

Madura 4th September 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r

Exchange for Company's Rupees 308-7-

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Mr. J. F. Bishop the sum of Company's Rupees three hundred & Eight & anas seven, being his Salary & house rent, as a senior Merchant out of Employ for July, which sum will be credited to you in my Accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors". D

Salary	291-10-8
Deduct Annuity fund @ 6¼ per cent	18-3-8
	273-7-
House rent	35-"-"
	308-7-"

Madura 4th September 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r

No. 295

To The Principal Collector of Coimbatoor,

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot, assist't Collector of your District, for Salary &c paid

Salary	350 " "
Dedt. Civil fund @ 6¼ percent	21 " "
	328-2 "
Tent allowance	42 " "
House Rent	35 " "
C Rs.	405-2 "

D paid to him from this Treasury for last Month, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & Credit, on his account, to the Civil fund & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura 9th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl. Collector

No. 296

To The officer Commanding 26th Regt. N. I. Belgaum

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 2d Ultimo I have the honor D to enclose Copy of an address, dated the 4th Instt. from the Acting Tasseldar of Meyloor, explanatory of the claim of Private Sheik Uber Saheb of the Corps under your command, to property in the village of Thatchamuthel, Talook above mentioned, from which you will perceive that the statement of the Private & the result of the Enquiry held by the Acting Tassildar differ materially.

Madura Theroopavanom 9th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl. Collector

No. 296

To The Principal Collector of Coimbattoor

D Sir,

In further answer to the letter of the 28th Ultimo from your Sub Collr. I have the honor to inform you the Zillahdar acknowledges to have given the Cadjan instead of a rowanah thro' ignorance, due notice will be taken of his error or fraud as soon as the Specimen

specimen of Salt requested is received.

Madura theroopavanom } (Signed) J Blackburne
5th September 1841. } Prin. Collector

No. 299

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th Instt. only just received, I have the honor to inform you there is no Register or other document in my office shewing the proprietor of the Coorgnetamy of Keelanatoo coorchy in Nacoomundalum of Tinnevelly.

Madura theroopavanom } (Signed) J Blackburne
10th September 1841 } Prin. Collr.

No. 300

To Mr. J. Gill

Sir, late asstt. Surgeon in Tinnevelly Zillah

I have the honor to forward transcript of a letter of the 9th Instt. from the Civil Auditor & beg to inform you the retrenchment there directed will be made from your allowances for the current Month unless you have some valid objection to offer, or disburse the amount in the mean time.

Madura 13th } (Signed) J Blackburne
September 1841 } Prin. Collector

To

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No. 301

To The Superintt. of Pensions

Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to your Notification of the 3d Augt. published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 6th of the same Month Page 621, I have the honor to forward 3 Certificates, as noted in the margin, of the Pensioners of the Ceylon Government drawing their allowances in this Collectorate.

No. 252 1st Jany. 1836
" 105 29th Novr. 1839
" 110 5th Jany. 1841

Madura 13th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 302

To The Superintendent of Pensions

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to forward Monthly Return of the Military Pensioners in charge of the Public Bungalows &ca for last Month.

Madura 13th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Principal Collector

No. 307

To The Sub Treasurer

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to forward a Draft of Nattoocotay Chinna Chitty on Nattoocotay Arunachellum Chitty, in Pavalacaura Street, at Mootial Pettah, Madras, for Company's Rupees 3,500, at 60 days Sight, for payment of Grain Cole to Dhorasawmy Iyengar

&

Chokalingom pillay in the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga for last fusly viz 1250 in the Roopattoor Talook.

Madura 15th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prin. Collr.

No. 309

To The British Resident
Tanjaoure.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th Instt, giving cover to a Communication from the Minister of H. E. the Rajah Toundamon Bahadur, of the claim of that state to a piece of land in the village of Palacoorchee in the Marroongapoory talook; & proposing to send a Servant of H. E. to meet anyone I might depute to the spot, I have the honor to request you will inform me what is to be the object of the meeting.

The land in question is entered in the Government accounts of Fusly 1213 as pertaining to the above named village & talook, & has been in the actual enjoyment of those villagers ever since 1239, as is not denied on behalf of His Excellency; & under such circumstances if H. E.'s Ministers continue to think him injured, & you concur in that opinion, I would venture to suggest the matter should be brought by you before Government, as I now find I have no authority to interfere in the proprietary rights in land.

Madura 16th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Principal Collector

No. 311

To The Register to the Sudr Adalut
Madras

Sir

1.- In answer to your letter of the 14th Instt, requesting that

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the Contingent statement, Called for in your letter of the 28th July, might be furnished without "further delay," I have the honor to inform you it was dispatched from hence on the 11th Inst., & therefore, I presume, reached you the same day you dispatched your call.

2. I request you will be so good as to recall to the recollection of the Judges that their instructions of the 28th July were not particular but Circular & general, calling attention to a previous Circular of the 8th October 1821.

I request also you will bring to their recollection that it was not till the 8th of July that it was decided by the Civil Auditor that I was the proper officer thro' whom the Charges in question should be submitted.

and under these Circumstances I trust the subordinate will acquit me of "any delay at all" in submission of the statements.

3. And now with reference to their order of the 8th October 1821, that these statements shall be submitted to them within the Month of July, on the 11th of which the preceding year ends, I beg to observe this only allows me 20 days to receive my last Months Account from the Jail at Pambon, distant from my usual Office more than 100 Miles: But this is insufficient to enable me to comply with their demands, for till the dispatch of the Monthly Accounts for July (always in two divided sets) & which Cannot be dispatched before the 15th August I cannot ascertain the proper Collectorates to which these contingent Charges are to be debited, & prepare them for sanction.

4. I beg you to inform the Judges that the Accounts required from a Collector to the different heads of offices at the Presidency are numerous & voluminous — & no order is prescribed for priority of particular ones.

Should any such be prescribed & practicable I will use my best endeavours to obey — If it is left to my judgement & industry I will endeavour to satisfy all as quickly as

can

can reasonably be done — In the mean time I beg to inform the Judges that I see in probability of submitting similar statements to them next year, before the first week in September; — the present year, without taking into consideration the impatience of the Court, they have been forwarded in the 11th Septr.

Madura 18th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin[l] Collector

No. 312

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th Inst. I have the honor to inform you the bill in favor of Mr. J. F. Bishop was for Rupees 308-7 — or Rupees Three hundred & eight, & anas seven; & I shall be obliged by your correcting the letter of advice by erasing the "y" from the word "eighty".

On referring to my office Copy, which I am not in the habit of signing & therefore did not before see, I observe the "y" has been erased as thus "eighty" & am assured & believe it was done before being put into the hands of the copyist by whom alone the error was made, & overlooked by me.

Madura 20th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin[l] Coll[r]

No. 313

To The Collector of Guntoor

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills in Duplicate of Mr. F Copleston, Head assistant Collector of your district for Salary &c. paid to him from this Treasury for last Month, which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & credit, on his account to the Civil fund, & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Salary	733-5-4
ded[t] Civil fund @ 6⅔ per Cent	45-13-4
	687-8-"
House rent	35-"-"
Tent allowance	42-"-"
Rs.	764-8-"

Madura 20th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin[l] Coll[r]

No. 314 93 47

To The Collector of
Sir, Tinnevelly

In answer to your letter of the 18th Inst received, I have the honor to forward you six Rowanahs of the description you require, there remaining only 14 more on hand all of which have been signed

Should your necessity be urgent I can let you have four of them which may answer by your erasing the name.

Madura 21st September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 315

To The Collector of Sea Custom
Sir, Madras

In answer to your Circular of the 17th Instt. I have the honor to inform you the schedules forwarded from your office on the 30th Ultimo have already been translated & furnished to the 4 Sea Custom Chokeys of this Collectorate with instructions for immediate attention.

It is rare that any of the articles therein enumerated are imported or exported at these ports, & therefore not worth while to postpone the date for their coming into effect; nevertheless, on repetition of your wish, I will give the necessary orders.

The sea Custom houses are at Keelacarry, Paumbom, Devipatam & Tondi; & three schedules only have been received.

Madura 21st Septr. 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 317

To J. J. Franklin Esquire
Sir, Late in charge of Manar Survey Madras.

I have the honor to enclose an Extract from the Audit of my Accounts for July 1249, & as the amount therein retrenched was charged upon your Bill in the Accounts of this office for May 1840, I request Copy of sanction of Government for the same may be furnished to enable me to satisfy the Civil Auditor.

Madura 21st Septr. 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No 318

To The Acting Collector of
Cuddalore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 11th Inst I have the honor to forward the Original deposition taken from Arunachellum Chetty, a very respectable merchant of this Collectorate, & a letter received to his address from Putcha Varroosawmy Chetty, dated 21st Annavree of the present year; the Copper in question has not arrived, but when it does I shall be happy to forward it to you with the Cart driver in case, after perusal of the accompanying documents, you deem it necessary.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Madura 21st
September 1841

No 320

To The Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a warrant to the Jailor with Mootanapillay, Curnum Gomastee of Moganoor in the Talook of Maroongapoory, fined rupees 50 for embezzlement & fraud in his accounts; & in default sentenced to 2 Months imprisonment in the Zillah Jail, under Clause IV Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Madura 22d
September 1841

No 321

To The Judge of
Madura

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, accompanied by an account particular of actual expenditure for Converting Tirumul Naick's Palace into Court house, &c. I have the honor to request you will be good as to remit to my Treasury the undisbursed balance of Rupees 297-13-4 from the amount of advance; or inform me the work is still in course of execution & assigning cause for the delay in it's Completion.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Madura 23d
September 1841

No. 322

To The Principal Collector of
Sir, Coimbatore

I have the honor to forward an Abstract of Revenue Surveyor J. H. Bogg 6th Division for pay & allowances paid to him from this Treasury for last Month, for Company's Rupees 176-4 ", & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors"

Madura 24th September 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.

No. 324

To The Collector of South Arcot
Sir, Cuddalore

With reference to my letter of the 21st Instt. I have the honor to inform you I have received intelligence from the Ameen of Ainsodalee that the Copper has been seized by the Choukydar at Puttoocottah in the Tanjore district, & sent to the Principal Collr. at Villum —

Madura 24th September 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 325

To The Principal Collector of
Sir, Coimbattoor

In reference to the Sub Collector's letter of the 10th Instt. I have the honor to inform you that from inspection of the salt he was so good as to send me, & from Communication with the Goomastu of the salt pan whence it was professed to have been procured, I am satisfied the Merchants whose goods are detained by the Sub Collector is entirely free from any attempt at fraud; and I greatly regret the ignorance & irregularity of the Tilladar which has subjected him to so much inconvenience —

Madura 25th September 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 326

To The Register to the Court of Foujdary Adalut
Sir, Madras

I have the honor to inform you, no sanction is forthcoming in my records for the statements of Charges incurred without Estimates in Fusly 1249 on account of Establishment & Batta & other Contingent disbursements to Convicts of the Zillah Jail of Madura working at Paumbon which were submitted to you on the 25th October last, I request therefore if sanction is not yet obtained you will be good enough to request the Judges of the Foujdary Adalut to procure it to enable the Civil Auditor to pass my accounts for that year.—

Madura 27th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 327

Memorandum

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward the following printed Copies & translations of the Acts of the supreme Government.—

English VII to XI of 1841
Do. Index for 1838 & 1839
Tamil XXIII of 1840
Maratta XIII of ditto

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 27th Septr. 1841.

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 5th Regiment N.I. Consisting of 1 Naigue & 3 privates marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition on the 21st Instt. in charge of Treasure arrived there on the 27th & were at liberty to return the next day.—

Madura 27th September 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

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To The Judge of

Sir, Madura

In answer to your letter of the 25th Inst. received to day I have the honor to inform you the stamp papers furnished for the document required in O.S. No. 36 of 1841 were returned to the Court for further explanation with my Tamil Memo: of the 21st Inst.

2 Orders were sent calling for the documents required in the following suits on the dates affixed, & when received they will be sent or the result communicated to you.

O.S. No. 26 of 1841 - To the Manager of Ramnad on the 21st instant.

O.S. No. 91 of 1841 - To the Head Assistant on the 20th and

O.S. No. 48 of 1841 - To the Davestanom Tassildar on the 21st do

The Defendant in O.S. No. 451 of 1840 was called upon for one more stamp paper which he has not yet furnished.

Madura 27th September 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

Received from the Judge of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (297-13-4) Two hundred & Ninety Seven, Anas thirteen & pice four; being the undisbursed balance of an advance for converting Terooumul Naicks palace into Court House &c.

Madura 25th September 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

No. 335

To The Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir, Negapatam

In answer to your letter of the 22nd Ultimo, complaining of three Rowanahs having been issued into your Collectorate

without entry of period for arrival, I have the honor to inform you they were for goods to be transported beyond sea; & it does not seem to have occurred to the Choukeydars to fix a time in reference to the place of export by sea; but I have now sent them instructions which I hope may prevent similar irregularity in future.

Madura 1st October 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne

Prin.l Collector

No. 338

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, Mr. J. Gill, late Assist. Surgeon of your District, has paid into my Treasury the sum of Company's Rupees 52 – 5, retrenched against him under instructions of the Civil Auditor of 9th Ultimo, for which credit will be given to you in my accounts for the Current Month under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura 2d October 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne

Prin.l Coll.r

No. 339.

To The Collector of Guntoor

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills in duplicate of Mr. F. Copliston, Hd. Assist. Coll.r of your district, for Salary &c. paid to him from this Treasury for last month, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the margin, leaving you to draw, & credit, on his account to the Civil fund; & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Coll.rs".

Salary – 733.
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6 per cent – 45.
687.
House rent 35.
Tent allow.ce 42
Rs. 764.

Madura 4th October 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne

Prin.l Coll.r

No. 342 99

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To The Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut
Madras

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 30th Ultimo I have the honor to explain that the statements submitted on the 12th July 1840 were for Charges to amount of Rupees 3969-8-3, incurred on account of Convicts of the Madura Jail only; but these subsequently sent included Charges for the Convicts of Combaconum & Trichinopoly Rupees 2380-„-5, & Rs. 673-14-„ as per statements forwarded on the 10th & 19th July last, which, added to the above sum, make the Total Rupees 7023-6-8.—

Madura 5th October 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 343

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbattoor

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot, Assist. Collector of your district, for Salary &ca. paid to him from this Treasury for last month, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the margin, leaving you to draw, & Credit, on his account to the Civil fund, & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of Remittances and transfers between Collectors.—

Salary	350-„-„
Ded. Civil fund @ 6¼ per cent	21-14-„
	328-2-„
Tent allowce.	42-„-„
House rent	35-„-„
Rs.	405-2-„

Madura 5th October 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector.

Received from the Judge in the Zillah of Madura the sum of CRs. 1024-15-2 (one thousand & twenty four annas fifteen & Pice two, being the amt. of fees, fines & penalties levied, & proceeds of sales of papers &ca. in last month.—

Madura 5th Octr. 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 346

To The Judge of

Sir, Madura

I have the honor to request you will be good Enough to remit Rupees 840-1-1, being value of the 658 Col. 6 m. & 5 m. of Paddy lately supplied to the Jail, @ 1.4.4. R. a. p. & 91½ cents pr Cullom, including Cart hire &c.—

Madura 7th October 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne

Princl. Collr.

No. 348

To The Secretary to the Military Board

Sir, Fort Saint George

With reference to the Rules published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 18th May last, Page 407, I have the honor to transmit Indents for Stationary & Sunaries required for my Department for the year 1842.—

Madura 11th October 1841 } Signed J Blackburne

Princl. Collr.

No. 351

To The Superintendent of the Government Lottery

Sir, Fort Saint George

Agreeably to your letter of the 25th August, I have the honor to annex a Register of Tickets sold, & returned, in the 69th Government Lottery, accompanied by a Bill on the Accountt. General, in favor of the Superintt. & Treasurer of the Government Bank, for Rs. /2300/ Two thousand & three hundred, with 17 unsold whole Tickets.—

Madura 16th October 1841 Despd. 19th } Signed J Blackburne

Princl. Collr.

Register of Tickets Sold and returned in the 69th Govt Lottery in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul.

	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value		Number	Number	Number
Sold	546	100	556	100	1543	100	3046	50	3049	50	3051	50	3054	50	Returned	560	1046	154
	547	100	557	100	1547	100	3047	50	3049	50	3052	50	3054	50		1041	1047	154
	548	100	558	100	1550	100	3047	50	3050	50	3052	50	3055	50		1042	1048	154
	549	100	559	100	Half	Tickets	3048	50	3050	50	3053	50	3055	50		1043	1049	154
	550	100	1541	100	3046	50	3048	50	3051	50	3053	50	Rs	2300		1044	1050	154
																1045		154
																	Total	17

Madura 16th October 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

No. 352

To The Superintendent of Pensions
Sir, Fort Saint George

I have the honor to forward Monthly Return of the
2 Military Pensioners in charge of the Public Bungalows &c
for last Month.

Madura 21st October 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 355

To The Principal Collector of
Sir, Coimbattoor

I have the honor to forward an Abstract of Revenue Surveyor J. H. Hogg, 6th Division, for pay paid to him from
3 this Treasury for last Month, for Company's Rupees (100 - - -), & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors"

Madura 19th October 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

To

No. 359

To The Sub Treasurer
Sir, Fort Saint George

I have the honor to forward a Cadjan Draft of Natoocotay Arunachellum Chitty on Natoocotay Nagapah Chitty in Pavalacara street at Moothial pettah, Madras, for Company's Rupees 5000 at 30 days Sight, in payment of Grain sold to Muhummed Abdul Khader Mercayar in the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga, for last fusly (Vou. 1250)

Madura 27th October 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 361

Memo: for the Head Assistant Collector & Magistrate

In event of the Head assistt. receiving English letters direct from any Authority he is requested, if the public service will thereby suffer no loss, immediately to forward such to the Prinl. Collr. & Magistrate with such information as will enable him to answer the letter:— In event of an immediate direct Answer being requisite, he is requested in the same day to forward to the Prinl. Collr. & Magistrate the original letter received & draft of the answer sent.

Should any such Correspondence have passed he is requested now to forward all the original letters & drafts of all the answers.—

Madura 28th October 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 5th Regiment N. I, Consisting of 1 Naigue & 3 Privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Instt., in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 28th, & were at liberty to return the next day.—

Madura 28th Octr. 1841 (Sigd) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No 363

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To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to renew my request of the 7th Instant for payment of the Paddy supplied for the Jail to amount of Rupees 840-1-1.

Madura 29th October 1841. } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collr.

No 364

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn a Bill in your favor, at sight, for Rs. 15/- Fiver, being Collection for fusly 1250, from the Maniem lands of Tillampatty in Maroongapoory Talook, allotted to Caulasundy Cuttalay of Toymonsaumy or Rock Pagoda, in your District, which sum will be credited to you in my Accounts under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Madura 30th October 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Pl Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees — 5 " "

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to the Collector of Trichinopoly the sum of Rs. Five, being Collection for fusly 1250, from the Maniem lands of Tillampatty in Maroongapoory Talook, allotted to the Caulasundy Cuttalay of Toymonsaumy, or Rock Pagoda in your District, which sum will be credited to you in my accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura 30th October 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collr.

No 369

To The Principal Collector
Sir, of Coimbattore

I have the honor to forward Copy of the Moyenzabitahs of the Establishment of this Collectorate as requested in your letter of the 25th Ultimo.

Madura 1st November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collr

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (840-1-1) Eight hundred & forty Anna one & Pice one, being the value of Paddy supplied for the Prisoners in Jail from the produce of the Shevagunga Zemy.

Madura 1st November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collr

No 371

To The Collector of
Sir, Trichinopoly

I have the honor to forward valuation of several description of Coloured cloths entered in the Tariff of this Collectorate as requested in your letter of the 29th Ultimo.

Madura 2d November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collr

No 372

To The Register to the Provincial Court Sn Dn
Sir, Trichinopoly

In reference to my return of the 13th April last, to the Courts precept of the 6th Inst I have the honor to report for the information of the Suor Adalut, that the Ranee Hungoo Moottoo Nachyar of Shevagunga yesterday received from this Treasury the sum of 13000 Rs, being in full of arrears of allowance directed to be accorded, hers.

Madura 2d Novr 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

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This is to Certify that Havildar Shaik Madar, Commanding a Guard of the 5th Regiment Native Infantry has, this day, delivered into my Treasury /18/ Eighteen Boxes containing /100,000/ One lac of Company's Rupees.

Madura 2d November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princ Collr

No. 373

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo & a remittance of one lac of Company's Rupees /100,000/, & beg to forward my receipt for the same.

Madura 4th November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Collector

No. 374 Similar letter forwarding duplicate by Post.

Received from the acting Register of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees /973-4-5/ Nine hundred & Seventy three anas four & pice five, being the Amount of Fees, fines & penalties levied, & the sale proceeds of paper &ca for last Month.

Madura 6th Novr 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Coll

No. 375

To The Secretary to the Marine Board Madras

Sir,

1. I beg to apologise for the delay of my present answer to your Circular of the 4th ultimo, & also for the scantiness of information I am able to afford you.

2. The Sea ports of this Collectorate are from North to South Toudi and Devepatam; Paumbon on the bank putting out east ward to Ramaseweram & Keelacarrai west by South in the Gulph of Manar Vessels of large size cannot come near the Ports & the trade & shipping is in a very depressed state. Tho' as far as Paumbon is concerned every day improving.

In the neighbouring Collectorates are Negapatam or Nagore on the North & Tuticoryn on the South, which of registering ports might easily satisfy the wants of this Collectorate; but if deemed desirable to have one in it Pamban affords the greatest advantages as being centrical & possessing in the Chief Pilot an officer whose services might be made available as "Surveying & Examining Officer". –

I presume that when Registering ports are fixed provision will be made for registering & marking the tonage of Country Coasting Craft under 200 Tons burden.

There are two or three vessels now sailing as "British ships" that being built in France, or in dependencies of France, have recently been purchased; by Natives; & I should be glad to know how far they have debarred from the benefits of the Act in question Vizt. X of 1841.

Madura }
6th Novr. 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 378

To The Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

In the application of pensioned Naigue Valoydoon, No. 1215, in charge of the Public bungalow at Chittumpetty, to be allowed to resign his charge in favor of his son, Pensioned Sepoy Chockalingom, No. 1548, in consequence of his increasing infirmities, I sent for the latter, & finding him fit for the duty I have the honor to recommend you will be pleased to acquiesce in the exchange, & take the necessary steps, in communication with the Supdt. of Pensions, for the renewed payment of the Havildar by the Military authorities & of the son, as usual, thro' this office.

Madura 6 November 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 381

To The Collector
of Guntoor

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills in Duplicate of Mr. F. Copleston Head Assistt. Collector of your District, for Salary &c. paid to him from this Treasury for last Month, which is debited in the Accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & Credit, on his

Salary	733-5-
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6% per cent	45-13
	687-8-
House rent	35 "
Batta allowance	42 "
Rs.	764-

account to the Civil fund, & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura 8 November 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Coll^r

No 382

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbattoor

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr C. A. Arbuthnot, Assistant Collector of your district, for Salary &^ca paid to him from this Treasury for last month, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & Credit, in his account, to the Civil fund; & request that the same be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Salary	350-,,-,,
Deduct Civil fund 6 1/4 per cent	21-14-,,
	328-2-,,
Tent allowance	42-,,-,,
House Rent	35-,,-,,
Rs	405-2-,,

Madura 8th November 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

No 383

To The Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a warrant to the Jailor with Gooroosawmy Pillay, Curnum Goomastee of Namanoor in Auroorauttagay Talook of the Shevagunga Zemindary, fined 100 R^s for embezzlement & fraud in the accounts of fusly 1250, & in default, sentenced to 3 Months imprisonment in the Zillah Jail, under Clause four Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

Madura 13th November 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Coll^r

No 384

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor I have the honor to inform you that R^s 52-,,-5, therein retrenched against Mr J. Gill, have been recovered from him & placed to your credit in my Accounts for last Month.

Madura 13th November, 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Coll^r

No. 389

Memorandum

The Principal Collector of Madura has the honor to forward copy of a retrenchment against him to Mr. Levinge, & requests to be favored with any objections he may have to offer to it; or by liquidation of the amount.

Madura 15th November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collr.

To Mr. V. Levinge late Asst. Collr. of Madura Ramnad.

No. 391.

To The Superintendent of Pensions

Sir, Fort Saint George

I have the honor to forward Monthly Return of the Military Pensioners in charge of the Public Bangalows &c. for last Month.

Madura 17th Novr. 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 395

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you the village of Cotacoody, alluded to in Motion No. 1652 of 1841, is in possession of Ramen Chetty & others, appellants in O. S. No. 190 of 1841, from whom the assessment has continued to be levied, up to the present Fusly, from the year Surooajettoo, or 1827.

Madura 19th November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 396

To The British Resident

Sir, Tanjore

As desired in your letter of the 15th Instt., just received, I purpose doing myself the honor to meet you at Poodoocotay

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some time during the day of the 25th Current.

Madura 19th November 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl Collr

No 398

To R. Wight Esquire
Surgeon Madras

Sir,

In answer to the five queries of your letter of the 12th Instt. I have the honor to inform you.

1st — That in the Talook of Theroomungalum in Madura, Cotton Cultivation is carried on in 20000 Cawnies; in Pullynadoom, in Ramnad Zemindary, to extent of 10000; in the Talooks of Nellacotay & Iyrumpully in Dindigul to extent of 4000 Cawnies; & over the rest of the Collectorate it does not exceed 200 Cawnies. Total 34200 Cawnies. — The Culture is confined to the Karasel, or black soil, of a loose & tenacious quality; & no other sort is made use of for this purpose. — All that is thought fitting has been appropriated in Theroomungalum; & I do not imagine there is room for much extension of the product in other parts.

2d The average produce per cawny in Theroomungalum and Pullynadoom is 7 maunds; in other places it varies from 5 to 6.

3d. The Cusbah of Iyrumpully is 147 miles from the port of Devepatam by a road in great part decidedly good; & but in very few parts, & at the worst seasons, impassable or very difficult. The Cusbah of Nellacotay is 103 miles from Devepatam, & the whole road good, joining the former one in five miles from the Cusbah. From Cusbah Theroomungalum to Thiroochuli, the Cusbah of Pullynadoom is a Cross road of about 30 miles, with the particulars of which I am unacquainted further than that being over Karasul soil generally, it must be deemed impassable

in wet weather, & not bad during the dry season. From thence by Camoothi & Moodoocullatoor to Ramnad the road is very bad, but I have already submitted estimates for it's reconstruction next year, & hope they may receive the patronage of Government. the 10 miles from Ramnad to Devipatam is excellent. The whole distance from Therroochuli, to Devipatam is 59 miles.

The Cotton from both the above talooks might be shipped from Tuticorin or Sypar in Tinnevelly but I am unacquainted with the state of the routes or distances.

4°. In answer to the first question I have already shewn that Cotton can hardly be said to be raised in any, but the Karasel soil.

5°. In answer to the first question I have also shewn my opinion there is little fitting land remaining to be appropriated; should land be required for experiments it must be obtained by mortgage or purchase, of the right of occupancy.

Madura 19
November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

No. 401

To The Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to request a loan of 300 rolls of stamp paper of 4 Anas value each, No. 2, which shall be returned as soon as my supply, indented for on the 13th instant, is received.

Madura 20th Novr. 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

No. 402

To The Superintendent of Pensions
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th Inst. I beg to acknowledge the irregularity of my address to the officer Commg. the Sn. Dn. of the army. I was aware at the time I was not strictly in rule but after much search did not then succeed in finding your Circular of the 4th June 1836.

Madura 20th Novr. 1841. (Sigd) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

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To The Judge
Sir, of Madura

I have the honor to forward a warrant to the Jailor with Mootoocurpa Pillay Curnum Goomastah of Mothagium in the Talook of Theroomungalum, fined Rupees 200, for embezzlement & withholding Cultivation in the Accounts, & in default sentenced to 6 months imprisonment in the Zillah Jail, under Clause IV Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

Madura 23d November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 406

Memorandum

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward Copies & Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government, specified in the margin, for the Sub Collector's office.

Engl. XII to XXI of 1841
Tamil I of 1841
Mahr. XIV
XXII & XXIII of 1840.

Madura 23d November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Sub Collector of Madura

No 407

To The Collector of
Sir, Tinnevelly

I have the honor to return a Port Clearance of your Collectorate, erroneously sent to me by the Custom Collr. of Jaffna.

Madura 24th November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 409

To The Officer in charge of Operations at
Sir, Pamben

In reference to your bill of the 15th Instt. amounting to Rupees 157 - - 4, for placing the Buoy & two Beacons at Keelacarray

& opposite Ramasamy's Choultry, I have the honor to request you will refund the difference of the 200 Rs advanced for that purpose, vizt Rs 42. 15. 8. If paid to the Choukeydar, it will be forwarded by him with the usual remittance through the Salt Amildar.

Madura 24th November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 5th Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Naique & 3 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition on the 21st Instt, in charge of Treasure arrived there on the 27th & were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura 27th November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To the officer Commg Detachmt 5 Regt Ramnad

No 413

To The Deputy Asstt Quarter Master General

Sir, Trichinopoly

In reference to your letters of the 27th & 29th ultimo, giving a route for detachments to & from Ramnad & Madura, I beg to suggest a revised one as being equally short an infinitely better & safer road, one on which provisions can be more easily procured, & by which much wading thro tanks will be avoided. It is also the usual route taken by all travellers, & taken monthly by the Military guard escorting treasure from Ramnad.

From Madura Fort to Theroopavanum E.M.	12	Pogaloor	12
Manamadura	18	Ramnad	10
Parmagoody	15		67

I take the liberty of suggesting that the Detachmts for Ramnad should encamp on the fine open space on the bank

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of the river, & nearly opposite to the Asstt. Surgeons house, - and between the Fort & Thappacolum, which will be only 11 miles from Theroopoovanum, in preference to the parade ground on the west of the fort on the road to Palamcotay, the usual camp, which is more than two miles from the place I propose for the detachments, & which is also a less distance from the Crossing of the river on coming in from Trichinopoly than the usual Camp. -

Madura 1st Decr. 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne, Princl. Collector

No. 414

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 27th Ultimo I have the honor to refer you to my predecessor's Communication of the 28th February 1832, in which you will perceive that the value of the silk thread alluded to in Miscellaneous petition No. 1690 of 1841 is not deposited in my Treasury. -

Madura 1st Decr. 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne, Princl. Collr.

Received from the Acting Zillah Judge of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (2000) Two thousand to be deposited in the Collectorate Treasury. -

Madura 1st December 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne, Princl. Collr.

To the Judge Madura

No. 415

To The Collector of Guntoor

Sir,

Salary	733-5-4
Dedt. Civil fund at 6 per cent.	45-13-4
	687-8--
House rent	35-..-..
Tent allowance	42-..-..
CRs.	764-8--

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills in Duplicate of Mr. F. Copleston, Head Asstt. Collector of your district, for Salary &c. paid to him, from this Treasury, for last month, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to

draw & Credit, on his account, to the Civil fund; & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura 2d
Decr. 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 416

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbattoor

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will release to the former occupants the free gift villages of Erramarompetty & the Maniem lands of Polliapollium, in Caroor, appertaining to Thanapa Moodeliars Cuttay in the Meenatchee Pagoda, in the Fort of Madura, which you were so good as to Sequesterate in Compliance with my request of the 19th January last.

Madura 2d
Decr. 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 417

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir;

I have the honor to request you will release to the former occupant the lands endowed upon Thanapa Moodeliars Cuttay in the Meenatchee Pagoda, in the fort of Madura, which you were so good as to Sequester in Compliance with my request of the 19th of last January.

Madura
2d Decr. 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 419

To The Criminal Judge of
Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a warrant to the Jailor with Veerapillay, Ibrahim Rowuttan, & Vailoomyloom pillay

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Curnoms of Mullacottay, Jayemcondanelay, & Vadavimputty Villages of Auroorvuttagay Talook, of the Shevagunga Zemindary, fined the first two, at 100 Rupees each, & the last 50 Rupees for withholding Cultivated lands from the Accounts for fusly 1250; & in default sentenced to imprisonment in the Zillah Jail, the first two for 3 months, & the last for 2 months, under clause 4 section V Regulation IX of 1822.

Madura 2d December 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prind. Collector

No. 420

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a warrant to the Jailor with Amaravalya pillay, Curnom of Mailavayel Village in Auraotter Talook, of the Shevagunga Zemindary, fined 50 Rupees for embezzling Coll. Md. Mr. 10 5 5 of paddy from the produce of fusly 1250, & in default, sentenced to 2 months imprisonment in the Zillah Jail, under clause 4 Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

Madura 2d December 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prind. Collr.

No. 421

To The Superintendent of Pensions Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to the 2d para. of your letter of the 16th Ultmo I have the honor to inform you that the pensioned Naigue Valaydon No. 1215, relieved from charge of the Travellers Bungalow at Chettimputty, wishes to reside at the same place, receiving his pension from my Treasury, thro' the Tasseldar of Meylore Talook, & trusting it will meet your approbation, I have no objection to comply with his request.

Madura 2d Decr. 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prind. Collr.

No 422

To The Judge of

Sir, Madura.

In reference to my Communication of my orders of the 23d Ultimo to the Auroor Vuttagay Ameen, absolving him from the necessity to appear before the Shivagunga Moonsiff till you had favored me with the Communication required by Government to be made, & which is usually made, I have now the honor to forward Copy of an address from him of yesterday's date, shewing how he had patiently submitted to the attachment of his property by a ballaton under the orders of the Moonsiff altho' in absence of the Communication above alluded to; I am of opinion the Moonsiff must have been acting not only without, but in direct opposition to, your instructions & to the orders of Government.

I beg you to consider the evils of taking away the two highest officers of a talook where the Collections are made in kind, at the same moment, & probably in a case for which their being named witnesses arises out of the official station, & at the same time request you will lose as little time as possible in removing the Sequestration; & of requiring an apology from the Moonsiff to the Ameen & Moozoomdar.

Madura
4th Decr. 1841. } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Received from the Acting Judge in the Zillah of Madura, the sum of Compy. Rupees 1860-11-6 Eight hundred & Sixty annas eleven & Pice six being the amount of fees fines & penalties levied & sale proceeds of the Papers &ca. for last Month.

Madura 6th December 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 427

To The Principal Collector
of Tanjaour

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 23d Ultimo I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Ameen of Amraotee Talook, dated the 4th Instant, in which you will observe that the Surplus water of Emjavayel village was allowed to pass into the Tanks of Saiphavayel in Puttoocotay Talook.

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Madura 8th December 1841 — (Signed) J. Blackburne, Prinl. Collr.

No. 428

To The Principal Collector
of Coimbettoor

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. C. T. Arbuthnot, Assistant Collector of your district, for Salary &c paid to him from the Treasury, for last Month, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & Credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

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Salary	350 " "
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per cent	21 14 "
	328 2 "
Tent allowance	42 " "
House rent	35 " "
Rs.	405 2 "

Madura 8th December 1841 — (Signed) J. Blackburne, Prinl. Collector

No. 429

To The Acting Judge
Madura

Sir,

I am very sorry I am only able to lend you five, instead of 10 or 12 quires of Medium paper, as requested by your letter of yesterday's date, just received.

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Madura 9th December 1841 — (Signed) J. Blackburne, Pl. Coll.

No. 430

To The Collector of
Sir, Tinnevelly

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to remit me the Collections made in fuslies 1249 & 50 from the Villages allotted for the abeeshaigapoondarow kuttay of the Meenatchee Pagoda with an account particular for the same.

Madura 9th December 1841 | (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 431

To The Collector of
Sir, Tinnevelly

In answer to your letter of the 8th Instant I have the honor to inform you there is no fraud in the Rowanah (herewith returned) which accompanied it. The accounts I have received from Keelakaray note the import of Jaggery as stated on the back of the Rowanah, & the Signatures & Seal are genuine.

Madura 10th December 1841 | (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 432

To The Assistant Surgeon of
Sir, Madura

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Tasildar of Madacolum, dated the 8th Instant, stating his inability to verify the account of Vaccination received from 1st class vaccinator Ramen Chitty, from want of particulars, it is inclosed.

Madura 11th December 1841 | (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No 434

To R. Younghusband Esquire
19th Regt. N.I.
Sir, Trichinopoly

I have the honor to forward one rupee ten annas the amount of postage recently paid by you on official letters from Madras the party forwarding them not having power to frank.

Madura 11th December 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 437

To The Register to the Fouzdaree Udalut
Sir, Fort Saint George

On the 11th September I had the honor to forward statement of charges incurred without estimate in last fusly for convicts at work at Paumbon, which sums are charged in the accounts of the various Collectorates from whence they were transferred. In the Audit of the Trichinopoly Collector the Civil Auditor declines to pass them for want of sanction & desires him to take early measures to obtain it. I yesterday received his application to me & beg the Judges will be good enough to enable me to satisfy him as early as they can. Mean time I have written to the Collector of Trichinopoly to shew him where the difficulty lies.

Madura 15th December 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll. & Mag.

No 438

To The Collector of
Sir, Trichinopoly

In answer to your letter of the 10th Instt. I have the honor to inform you I forwarded the statement of charges for the sanction you require on the 11th September, & I have this day

again apprised the Court of Fouzdaree Adalut of the impatience of the Civil Auditor for it.

Madura 15th December 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 440

To The Superintendent of Pensions
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Monthly Return of the Military Pensioners in charge of the Public Bungalows &c for last Month.

Madura 15th December 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 442

To The Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to furnish me with a Copy of Certificate, if any has been granted, for the pension to the family of the late Moofti Sudr Ameen of your Court, to enable me to prepare a return called for by the Civil Auditor.

Madura 16th December 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Received from the Acting Zillah Judge of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (2000) Two thousand to be deposited in the Collectorate Treasury.

Madura 17th December 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To The Judge
Madura

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To The Sub Collector & Joint Magistrate

Sir, Dindigul

I have the honor to enclose a receipt for Stationary indented for for your office for the ensuing year. It has been dispatched by baughy from Madras & will be forwarded to you as soon as it reaches this - If it agrees with the receipt I request it may be signed & returned to me.

Madura 18th Decr 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl. Collector

This is to Certify that on Bt. Captain Jenkins quitting Paumbon the charge of the operations in the channel &ca devolved on Lt. Whelpdale from the 22d Ulto.

Madura Sayelgoody 21st December 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

To W. Whelpdale Esqr. Paumbon.

No 449

To The Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 7 Rowanahs & 1 Port clearance of your Collectorate, erroneously sent to me by the Custom Collector of Jaffna.

Madura Ramnad 26th December 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl. Collector

No 450

To The Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir, Vellum

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address

from the Manager of Ramnad of the 18th Ultimo Complaining of Ryots in your Collectorate taking undue possession of the irrigation channel of Valangattoor in Cotahputurum talook.

Madura Ramnad
26th December 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 453

To The Assistant Judge
Auxiliary Court Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward four papers of interrogatories with the answers duly taken before the Courts of H. E. the Rajah Toudiman Bahadur.

Madura Devipatam
28th December 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 5 Regt N. I Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue & 6 Privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Instant in charge of Treasure; arrived there on the 27th, & were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura 27th Decr 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

To The Officer Commanding Detl. 5th Regt N. I
Ramnad

No. 45 123

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To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the
Department of Public Works
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1 It is with feelings of Sorrow and Surprise that I have just received Copy of the late Civil Engineer's Complaint against me and the Tahsildars of this Collectorate under date the 12th December, and it is with feelings of deep mortification I peruse the proceedings of the Board thereon.

2. On the above letter of the Civil Engineer and on some Correspondence that accompanied it, the dates of which even, I am not favored with, the Board Censure me for exacting from the Civil Engineer what it was not in his power to grant, and they expressly state their conviction I did exact it. In answer to this I have the honor to request you will assure the Board I exacted nothing, nor did I expect to be furnished with any documents of the Kind attended to; and I must therefore entreat you will humbly pray them to bring that question to the Consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council because they have passed a Censure on me in consequence of some only guessed at Correspondence to which a mis-coloring has been given by the Complainant, or accuser, and adopted by the Judges, without communication with the accused, or allowing him to speak in his defence, or to acknowledge that all the documents

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…ing on the case has been submitted for their Consideration.

When the Board direct my attention to the remarks … the Engineer respecting the indifference manifested by some …sildars to their duty I cannot but conceive it a censure … them and on me. If these remarks are supported by …cuments I will humbly beg the Board to reconsider them; … call to mind if they have ever been before complained of … the Board; to look if any of the documents support the …lief they have ever been brought even to my notice by the …ivil Engineer; to consider if there is any thing in the …nnual, or periodical, returns from which they can …fer supineness or neglect in any one of the Tasildars. …nd if they have passed the censure merely on my …ccusers complaint, and without giving me an opportunity … refute, or extenuate it, I will humbly beg they will submit the question also to the Right Honorable The Governor in "Council if my standing in the service and the manner … which I have hitherto performed my duty do not entitle …e to the right of answer before I am censured slightly tho' it be, … the accusation of an officer acting in concert with me."

When the Board call my attention to the …ordiality &ca with which I ought to meet the wishes of …e Civil Engineer, and act in concert with him I cannot …t look upon it as shewing their belief some thing is wanting

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in that respect on my part, and to this implied censure I unhesitatingly answer that it is absolutely and entirely undeserved, and as being passed an accusation without proof, or being allowed to answer, I appeal for protection from it to the Right Honorable The Governor in Council –

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5 The failure of the Chinna Mosliar project was imputed to me by the Civil Engineer. I expressed my opinion that if blame could attach anywhere it was to him, and the Governor in Council expressed his satisfaction that not the slightest blame attached to either of us. I would never willingly act with him again in that particular work from the fresh recollections of the vexations the Correspondence caused me. – The Civil Engineer wished me to enforce the delivery of Supplies, and Supply of Coolies to him, and his department, whenever required. The Board supported his expectation; but when I protested against it and offered my reasons to the Board, requiring their positive order before I would be the agent in a transaction I deemed so unjust, and equally impolitic, their silence led me to believe they acceded to my view. The Civil Engineer entering the district on one occasion at a great distance from my stationary office required the presence of two Delayets at a short notice. He ~~informed~~ informed me it was only his intention to skirt the borders & to

to move rapidly along the high road into Coimbatore. Instead of deputing two Delayets, whom I could not spare without inconvenience from their other duties (I was then on circuit accompanied by only one myself, and by no other peon of any Kind) I deputed two of the peons of the talook at which he entered. he had, besides, two given him by the Tahsildar; and I know this was a matter of anger with him, but I am not aware that he represented it to the Board. These and the one now in question (which last I rather imagine is the misunderstanding of severe illness) are the only differences we have ever had to the best of my Knowledge; and I affirm I have ever treated the late Civil Engineer with the utmost Cordiality, and have always had the utmost readiness to meet his wishes, where it could be done without neglect of the interests of Government in some other department committed to my care: And this new mortification his letter has called down upon me has not in the slightest degree hurt my friendly feelings towards him yet, because I feel assured I shall be absolved entirely from the triple Censure above answered.

6. In conclusion I will beg you to assure the Board I confine my answers to the three points they have selected as tangible, but that I Know myself able to answer, and I think able to refute, every shadow of Charge which the Civil Engineer's letter may

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seem to bring against me, or against those under my Control; and whether I am to defend myself and them on public or on private Correspondence: for the injury I have sustained from the representations of public officers whose names have been with held from me, and from the representations of officers acting with me, whether my equals or inferiors, and from which I continue to suffer most bitterly, has taught me the necessity to be ready to defend myself from whencesoever attacked even from a quarter and weapons that I least expect.

Madura
Theroomungalum
2d February 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 63

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the
Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

For two years I have had in contemplation to drain, or keep in a state of constant motion, the small Backwater of Pombauray Tharoocoy but looking upon it as requiring considerable intelligence I awaited an opportunity when an Engineer might be going in that direction: such an opportunity did not occur. When I visited the spot in December it was looked upon by my non professional native Servants as equally important, and hazardous; I then sent my Marammut Superintendant, who at once decided

against the project for draining it; but his views did not carry him so far as to consider the other plan. Mr Assistant Revenue Surveyor Marrett, being temporarily put under my charge in consequence of Captain Faber's illness, and leave of Absence, I at once deputed him to the spot, and beg to forward his plan and Copy of diary, which I request may be professionally considered at Madras, and if found feasible, an early sanction may be granted by reason of the great profit expected to accrue from it. Although it is thus sent on in addition to the Annual Estimates. If, however, the Government do not like to have their order of routine interfered with, I shall be happy to submit the project anew with the Estimates for next year. Should the project be sanctioned I request the plan may be returned me as I have not reserved a Copy for the Office. Should the Board have any doubts about the rise of the tide I would recommend their Communication with Mr J. Franklin who has lately been surveying in the immediate vicinity and is probably well aware of the nature of the shore.

2. I take this renewed opportunity of bringing to the Board's notice that preparations for all masonry works in this Collectorate should begin on the 20th December, to enable me to do which I should

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have sanction for works by the 1st of that Month, and as at this advanced season each day is of value I take the liberty of again recommending the estimates submitted for the Current year to their early consideration. (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 12th Feby 1841. Prin. Coll.

No 70

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Palamcotay

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward the Ordinary estimate of works required for Tanks and water courses in the districts of Madura and Dindigul for the Year 1841, together with an Abstract, and Data, and request the necessary Sanction.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura, Theploor
24th Feby 1841

No 76.

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Palamcotay

Sir,

D 1. Previous to Captain Faber's illness he placed the services of Assistant Dy Surveyor Marrett at my disposal, and I have continued to derive very considerable advantage from his industry and experience

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er Since.

He has proposed a channel for preventing
formation of Salt at the vicinity of the Valnoakum
ns on the Coast of Ramnad, which I have Submitted
rect to the Board of Revenue, and has been engaged
Estimating for reconstruction of a Road (No 9)
fasilitate the conveyance of Cotton from the
innevelly and Ramnad boundary to the Sea Port of
Devipatam, which forms portion of the estimate
lready prepared by him & Submitted thro' your office,
which I imagine you will soon receive from him,
d is now engaged in verifying the works executed
last year to very considerable Extent in the Sheva-
gunga Zemindary, and in reconsidering One or two other
works of importance, already Sanctioned, but the correct-
ness of the Estimates for which is doubtful.

On his return to Madura which I look
r about the 5 proximo I had made the following arrange-
ments for his Employment, which if you cannot
quiese in, I must request you will still keep in
Consideration for early Execution by yourself or
thers of your Department, as they are of Considerable
portance.

1st to Examine the work executed to the

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portion of high road, No. 15, from Madura to Dindigul; and to prepare an Estimate for its entire completion within that distance Vizt. 38 Miles; and particularly to give his attention to the broken bridge of Ottaman in Jambaracotay 10 Miles South of Dindigul; and to the bridging of the 5 hill torrents between the 8th. and 4th. Mile South of Dindigul.

2nd. To inspect the progress of the Nunganachy Ar Bridge in the vicinity of Veeroopatchee, on Road No. 2, between Dindigul and Pylney — the 3 Arches being turned

3d. To take levels and Examine Certain projects to be submitted to him by the Tosseldar of Lyempully (Cusbah Pylney) for obtaining water for irrigation from the Amravatty River, none of which being as yet made use of Except on the Coimbatore side.

4th. Returning by Pulknooth, & passing the scite for the Codavanar bridge, where I regret extreme unhealthiness has hitherto prevented any thing being done, he will skirt round the Pylney hills by Road No. 17, Examining the works done there last year till he gets into that of No. 18 at Nellacotay, and will then hasten along it as far as Oottampolliam, 6 Miles north of Cumbum, to give his attention to the very serious objections to the Dams raised on Estimate

of your Office for a fair distribution of water in that
neighbourhood.

His assistance and presence can then
be dispenced with; but should he not be required
in Tinnevelly I can point out work that would
keep him in most useful employ for a consider-
able time longer.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura, Thungunodai
23d February 1841.

I, Sarungapaney writer, in the Establishment of the Civil
Engineer, 8th Division, being desirous of withdrawing the sum of Company's
Rupees 182.13.7 from the Government Saving's Bank, the remaining
part of my deposit, for my own use, accordingly submit this my
application for the same & request payment thereof.

Palamcottah
2d March 1841

(Sig.) Sarungapaney
Civil Engr. Writer 8th Don.

(Signed) W. H. Horsley Lt.
Ag. Civil Engr. 8 Don.

No. 205.

Government Savings Bank 5th
Mar A. 1841

Pay to Sarungapaney writer in your Establishment, the
sum of Company's Rupees (182.13.7) one hundred & Eighty two, As.
thirteen & Pice seven, being the whole amount of his Deposits in
the Saving's Bank, agreeably to his application for the same.

To the Acting Civil Engineer
8th Division
Palamcottah

(Sig.) A. J. Cherry
Secretary

C. A. J.

No. 85

To The Acting Civil Engineer
8th Division
Palamcottah

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a duplicate

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Statement of Occasional works performed during the past year & forwarded to the Civil Engineer on the 31st December 184[illegible] as required in your letter of the 24th Ultimo.

Madura 4th March 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 86

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Depart[ment] of Public Works

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Sir, Fort St. George

1. I have the honor to Communicate the proposition of Coollamankaik of Balsamoodrum in Pyrmpully to build a Chettrom in the village of Coothumpoony, in the same talook at an Expense of about 1000. Rupees, partly from his own fun[ds] & in small part, from subscriptions raised & made over to him; & trust the Board will be prepared to recommend the alienation of tax in waste land to amount of 60 rupees per annum, on my submission of the bill of charges after its completion.

2. The spot selected is on the Military Road No. 1, & between Dindigul & Dharapooram in Coimbatoor; & where that road is crossed from Pybury to Dharapooram. The road is not much frequented, but it is without any kind of accomodation; & will no doubt prove of great utility — it is more than three years that I have had it in consideration how to procure such a Building in this place.

Road No. 1.

		M.	Fur.
From Dindigul to Edeacolay is miles		20	6
Coothumpoondoo		12	6
Darapoorom in Coimbattoor		12	"
Road No. 2			
Pybury to Coothumpoondoo		8	"

3. As in all other occasions I would recommend a ready money payment of 60 Rs. per annum in preference to alienation of tax to that amount on waste land. Madura

Madura 4th
March 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

No. 87

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the
Department of Public works
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 2 Statements prepared as per forms furnished with your Circular of the 18th November 1839, for works of public utility Constructed by Government, & by Private individuals, during the past year, as required in your letter of the 25th Ultimo, received on the 2d Instant.-

Madura 5th
March 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

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No. 91

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the
Department of Public works
Fort St. George

Sir,

1.- On the 2d Instant I had the honor to receive your letter of the 22d Ultimo informing me of the Boards opinion that my letter of the 16th November to the Civil Engineer shewed that I expected from that officer what it was impracticable for him to afford:- That the Engineer's Complaints against some Taseldars were not likely to be without cause; & that they Could not help observing from the Correspondence Submitted that Cordiality & friendly feeling, indispensibly necessary for the efficient discharge of our respective duties, had been interrupted; but that the Boards Proceedings of the 25th January did not attribute blame or convey Censure to him or to me.

2.- I have the honor to request you will lay before the Board that I never had any wish or expectation that the Civil Engineer should perform the impracticable duty it is assumed I

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I demanded from him; & that it is my belief my letter of the 18th November will not bear the construction put upon it by the Board..

2ndly I would beg you to lay before the Board the difficulty of defending officers not designated; & the hardship of having those vague complaints credited by my superiors, tho' the Civil Engineer does not pretend to say he had ever brought them to my notice; & I would, therefore, beg that if the Board are still inclined to credit those accusations (which necessarily includes my own neglect of superintendence) they will afford me the possibility of refuting them..

And thirdly I beg you will once more lay before the Board my positive denial of cordiality or friendly feeling having ever yet been in the least interrupted on my part towards the Civil Engineer:– & my regret that my assurance of the 2nd Ultimo on that head was insufficient..

Madura 10th March 1841. } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No 113

To The Acting Civil Engineer
8th Division
Tinnevelly

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Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 15th Instant, I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Principal Collector of Tanjore in favor of Moottiapillay at Negapatam for Rupees 182-13-7, together with the Saving Book & request you will be good enough to obtain the signature of Saravanapanen in the latter as usual..

Madura Maylore 21st March 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No 121

To The Acting Civil Engineer
8th Division
Tinnevelly

to be entered

Sir

I have the honor to forward a statement of Ordinary

works performed to the Tanks and watercourses in the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga for the year 1840, together with an Abstract & a Memorandum of Sibbundy charges incurred on that account, & I request you will be good enough to procure me the necessary Sanction for Rupees 32742-14-8.

Madura Meyloor }
27th March 1841. }

Signed J Blackburn
Prin^l. Coll^r.

No. 135

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

On the Complaint of the late Civil Engineer of the 12th December, supported by a correspondence between that Gentleman and myself, the Board determined, on the 23rd Feby, that I had been guilty of exacting from him what it was not in his power to accede to.

On his additional Charge, unsupported by any documents whatever, that he was not fairly assisted in his duty by my native subordinates and by myself; and that they did not pay the attention they ought to do to repair of Tanks &c (and in that charge was there not a necessary insinuation against myself?) the Board brought the Circumstance to my notice.

And thirdly without any charge whatever they assumed that I was guilty of a want of Cordiality and Co-operation injurious to the public service and pointed out the evils of my conduct.

2. Unable to look upon this communication in other light than a triple Censure I lost no time in

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begging the Subject might be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council because the censures had been passed without evidence and without affording me an opportunity to defend myself, as shewn in my letter of the 2d February.

3 In theirs of the 22d February the Board informed me the correspondence before them proved the truth of the first accusation, that they could not doubt the late Civil Engineer had grounds for the second; and that they thought the tenor of the correspondence held them out in the last, But that their letter contained no censure & was equally for the Civil Engineer, as for me, who had no need to have taken it all to myself.

4 On the 10th Ultimo I appealed from the judgement of the Board on the first count as not borne out by the document on which they had formed this decision against me nor by any other document before them.

I claimed a right of Exculpation from the second, or that the charge should be put to the proof.

And positively renewing my denial of the correctness of the third censure I claimed entire exculpation on that denial alone.

5 From your letter of the 29th Ultimo, received yesterday I learn that the Board do not and did not, hesitate to credit my assurance that cordiality had not been interrupted between the late Civil Engineer and myself; and that they were satisfied no more notice was necessary on the Subject.

6. It seems to me I have been accused by the Civil Engineer, and censured by the Board: that the censure is on the Civil Engineer's records, without any subsequent

xplanation that I was not deserving of it, and that in fact no Censure was meant to be conveyed against Me, and on my demand to be declared undeserving of it on any point I am answered they are glad to accept my denial on one of the three and are satisfied no further notice is necessary of the Subject"

If the Board do not Consider me free from imputation on the other two heads I claim to be told So distinctly, because I have suffered an attack, which Cannot fail in its present state to make me dissatisfied, in the fear that their very Correspondence may hereafter be brought against me as charges substantiated but excused and over looked with slight animadversion

If the Board do Consider me liable to the imputations thrown out against me I claim either investigation of the charges; or, recall of the Censure, or, Submission of the whole Correspondence to Government whose protection I will hope for.

7 I beg the Board to believe my pertinacity is not occasioned by any disrespect to them, but to a feeling of the necessity to defend myself to the last from all unfounded attacks made upon me.

Madura Vanjanagram
1st April 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 138.

To The Acting Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the under mentioned statements for Actual Expenditure of Repairs of Tanks & Watercourses &c. in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul for the year 1840 Vizt.

No. 142. Statements of Ordinary Repairs together with an Abstract Exhibiting the works performed from 1st Jany to 11th July & from 12th July to 31st D 1840 .... 22439. 10. .

Statement of Extraordinary Repairs .... 1999 - 1 - 9

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Statement of Occasional repairs of tanks &ca 6321 - 2 - 70
D° — of D° — repairs of high roads severally - 9277 - 4 -
D° — of D° of road from Madura to Toudi - 5245 - 14 -
D° — from the 700 Rupees a year at the disposal of the Collector - - - 700 - -
Account particular of Batta paid to Peons Sepoys Stationed at the Public Bungalows on the high road - - 232 - 1

C. Rupees 46215 - 2 -

Madura
12th April 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Coll.

No 151

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Tinnevelly

Sir

In reference to your Estimate of the 7th November 1840 for a travellers Bungalow at Madura I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Tasildar finds it impossible to procure the wood at the rates you have given; and I would therefore beg to know on what data they have been formed.

It is believed palmiras for the roof also cannot be procured at the rates given, but my Enquiries are now extending to Jaffna

The Estimate does not specify the wood to be used for doors and windows, but the rates given are too small for Veppamaram, which I imagine is not good

good enough for the purpose, and the rate will be still higher for Teak if such is intended,

The Estimate for beams is as follows-

Length	Breadth	and Height in feet	
15	1	3/4	2 Rupees each
11½	1	3/4	3 D° each
9½	3/4	3/4	1½ D° each
8½	3/4	3/4	1½ D° each
6	3/4	3/4	1 D° each

If of Vengamaram, which is good, the price is 10½ Rupees each of the kind first mentioned, 8 R^s the second, 5¼ R^s the third, 5 Rupees the fourth, and 3¾ R^s the fifth -

If of Vagai Maram, inferior wood, unfit for the purpose, the price is R^s 7½, 5¾, 4¼, 3¾ and 3 respectively - at these rates the price of Venga Maram beams 24 amounts to Rupees 176, and Vagai Maram to R^s 129¼, whereas the estimate provides only Rupees 52½ -

Madura } (Signed) J Blackburne
24th April 1811 } P^l Coll^r

N° 167

To the Civil Engineer 2^d Division Palamcotay

Sir, I have the honor to send for your reconsideration Mr Marrett's Diary of the 5th April authenticated × To be re with your signature that I may know if you authorize my following his recommendation in respect of the Oottainpolliam Channel, keeping in mind that it is directly at variance with that of Lieut^t Frances supported

by Captain Faber - As that advice has been followed and apparently to disadvantage I cannot but wish to follow Mr Marretts for the reasons given by him - At all events an early and decisive answer from you is necessary -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 13th May 1841.

No 190

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Sir, Fort St George

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 7 October 1839 I have
R the honor to report the completion of the chettrum at chettraputty by the Moottabar of vailoor, at a cost of Rupees 1437-9-8, & to request permission for the appropriation of waste land to the value of Rs 60 per annum for its support as sanctioned by Govt on the 4th November 1839. -

Madura 4th June 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

No 192

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Sir, Palamcotay

In reply to your letter of the 17th Ultimo I beg to admit
D my oversight in having sent you a wrong diary for reconsideration

In Mr Marretts diary of the 9th May on the subject of the reformed irrigation for the villages of Cumbum, Poodooputty, Ramanauthaputty & Oottampolliem he shews why the works undertaken under the plans of your Department, have failed & suggests a remedy with estimate; & expressly states the great number of sluices to be requisite from the unevenness of the ground; in your brief marginal note you consider his opinion wrong, that he would keep too many sluices, which you modify accordingly, but take no notice of his reasoning in favor of more numerous sluices, & you provide no

Estimate

estimate for your Modification: this deficiency, however, could be easily remedied by the talook maistries as you have given the dimensions & only leave them to be located in the most Convenient places.

And in your letter of the 17th May you continue to recommend the same but on the proviso that "Mr. Marrett's description of the locality & nature of the irrigation be correct." & you further add that on conversing with him on the subject he agreed to your modification.

If you think you have authority to become responsible for the execution of either one or other plan I am ready to undertake it. If not I have the honor to request you will obtain me the instructions of the Board of Revenue on the matter.

Madura 5th June 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 210

To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue in the
Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement of the Marammut Establishment of this Collectorate entered in the annual Ordinary Estimate for the Current year as required in the latter part of the Board's proceedings dated the 21st Instant, received this day. I beg to apologize for the oversight that caused the omission to forward it in fitting time.

I have &ca

Madura 28th June 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 213.

To
The Acting Civil Engineer
8th Division
Palamcottah

Sir,

I beg to return the Estimate framed by Mr. Assistant Revenue Surveyor Marrett for the repairs of Road No. 9, and request you will be good enough to cause correction according to the pencil alterations and let it be sent back at your earliest convenience.

I have &ca
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
30th June
1841.

No. 221.

To
The Acting Civil Engineer
8th Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I beg to be furnished at your earliest convenience with Assistant Revenue Surveyor Marretts Estimate for the portion of road in Vadakaray limits in the Talook of Thenkurray in Dindigul, alluded to in his Diary dated the 5th April last, which he says will "be forwarded separately" but which has not yet been received.

I have &ca
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
5th July 1841.

No. 230

To

The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Palamcottah

Sir,

In reference to Mr. Marrett's Diary of the 5th April I beg to state I shall be very glad to be favored with an Estimate for a bridge over the Umra-ottee in Road No. 2 between Pylney and Codamalacotay; for tho' I shall not be able to recommend it for execution next year, it is time to ascertain the feeling of the Board of Revenue towards the work & to ascertain if it is considered to come within my province or that of the Principal Collector of Coimbetore -

I have &ca

Theukurray
13th July 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 246.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your communication of the 21st Ultimo, I have the honor to forward transcript of a letter from Mr. Jenkins with the prices of Materials entered in the estimate; and request further instructions on the subject. -

I have &ca

Madura
21st July 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To

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No. 278.

To

The Civil Engineer

5th Division

Sir

Salem

Has any been recd not yet!

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Audit of my accounts for July 1249, and request that the amount therein retrenched may be remitted to me.

Madura
21st August
1841

(Sig.) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 279.

To

Lieutenant S. Best

Civil Engineer 2d Division

Sir

Nellore

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Audit of my accounts for July 1249 and request the information therein required may be furnished me at your earliest convenience.

Madura
21st August
1841

(Sig.) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.

No. 297

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart. of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Retrenchment of my Accounts for July 1249 & request you will be good enough to procure me sanction for

Rupees

Rupees 364 - " - to enable the Civil Auditor to pass them in my Accounts. -

Item No. 31 are batting allowances for 2 pensioned sepoys newly transferred to the Public Bunglows at Cottampatty & Theroomungalum, at 2 Rupees each, paid under the orders of Government to the Board of Revenue dated 19th October 1832. -

Item, No. 32, Rupees 200 - " was advanced for erection of 4 Sea Beacons at Paumben, under the sanction of Government dated the 25th January 1840. -

No. 33 Rupees 160 - " has been advanced for 4 Canoes for the Mails between P. Pedro in Ceylon & Ramaseweram in this Collectorate. Authorized by the Government of India under date the 1st January 1840. -

Madura Theroopavanum }
10th September 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 319.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Virdoopatty

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive your letter of the 18th, and will send 2 Deloyets to meet you at Sheveregoay on the 25th Current. -

All the Occasional works to tanks & roads for 1842 are in process of being fair copied and will certainly be forwarded to you officially by the end of the month, as I have informed the Board of Revenue, with a view of their early sanction or rejection, and from them you can select what you think proper for inspection: - As far as my own judgement goes I would wish you to inspect the Channel supplying Oottumpollium, Chinnamanaiknoor &c. at the extremity of the Thenkur:

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Thenkurray talook; - to prepare Estimates for bridges on the Shermooga Naddy and Amraôtee on Road No. 2 at the extremity of the Iyempully talook. - To examine the project for increasing the Salt revenue by the cut in the neighbourhood of Valmookum, not far from the end of Road No. 16 in the Ramnad Zemindary. - To prepare an Estimate for a bridge over the Kirthama Naddy on Road No. 22, & not above 5 miles from the Cusbah of Thiroopawanom in Shevagunga. - The tank & Road work done during the year & still going on in the Shevagunga Zemindary, & through the Government talooks, call for inspection from your Department: and you can consider if you please the lists I submitted to your predecessor on similar requisitions, but which he either did not approve of or did not find time to attend to.

The ordinary Estimates will not be ready till the beginning of the year, and I am not aware of any that require an Engineer's attention. - When I know the direction in which you purpose going I shall be happy in giving any fitting orders to the Tasildars - Mean time they will act on their general instructions to attend you thro' their talooks if there are works to be seen, or proposed, if you do not move too rapidly, & give them timely notice; & provided they have not more important business to attend to: and under all circumstances, if you give them due notice their accounts will be at your command. -

You will find the Muramut Superintendent at Shevercotay, where he has been long engaged in the very difficult labor of constructing the Thiroomungalum portion of Road, No. 4, Sanctioned last year, and which I am most anxious to get completed before the commencement of the Monsoon, and which object will be lost if you take him away. - If, however, you think his presence with you is of more consequence than the careful

completion

completion of this valuable road, and will give me your reasons I will afford them my best consideration with a view to acquiesce in your wishes.-

I have &ca.

Madura
27th September 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 329.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Virdoopatty.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's instructions of the 20th June 1839 I have the honor to forward an original Account particular of Expenditure for converting Trimul Naik's Palace into Court houses &ca, received from the Judge of Madura, and request you will be good enough to procure me the Sanction of Government for Rs. 1070-12-8 to enable the Civil Auditor to pass the Amount in my Accounts for Fasly 1249: the balance Rs. 297-13-4 has been recovered & will be credited in the Current month.

I have &ca.

Madura
28 September 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 330.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Thiroomungalum

Sir,

In reference to my letter of the 21st I have the honor to inform you the Tsildar of Taudicomboo has submitted an Abstract for a weir in the Cusbah of his talook; for another across the Iyempollium; and a third over the Codwanar, at an expense respectively of Rs. 1961.- 1732.- & 4169: Total Rupees 7862; which it will be very desirable for you to consider, and examine with a view to

their

their being entered into my Occasional Estimates for 1842

I have &ca

Madura
28th September 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 331.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Palamcottah

Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward my Occasional Estimates for Roads & tanks for 1842; and beg to impress upon you the immense gain that may be expected from the good material, & from the economy in procuring it, if the sanction be communicated to me by the 15th December. You may be aware that the Estimates for the current year were submitted on the 31st October 1840, but the sanction was not given till the advanced period of the 15th February following.

2. In forwarding these Estimates I have paid special attention to the Min: Con: of the 6th July 1841. No. 90 and beg to urge that they are absolutely and indispensibly necessary as will be shewn more in detail in the remarks appended to each separate work.

I have already shewn to Government the great difficulty, nay impossibility, of a correct figured Statement of profits derived from improved roads whereon there is no toll – but I have adduced in proof of what is very perceptible to me on the spot, that the Salt revenue in the year 1833/34. the year in which Stock charge of the Collectorate, was only Rupees 215567; that deducting a similar annual revenue since, there has been up to the end of 1840/41, a clear profit of Rups 261552; which has many times covered all the charges of Road Maramut. I have also shewn the Government the decreased price at which Salt and most other absolute necessaries

necessaries of life can now be procured in the Bazars; and, without being able to prove it, I have stated my conviction that this was mainly dependent on the improved state of the roads; and I have predicted that if those petty improvements be not, from a most false economy, interrupted, the revenues will increase again this year; and the price of necessaries continuing to fall considerable relief will be the result to the people generally. - and from the unfavorable state of the punjah cultivation generally in the Collectorate I am not sure it may not prove a measure of advisable humanity in finding employ for a distressed population. I have also shewn the Government that the average improvement of roads has enabled the Merchant or traveller to make, with his cart and bullocks, in five days with great ease what could not have been done previously in less than seven days, & that with great fatigue to the bullocks. - The portion of road, No. 4, now under construction, was so bad that during the Monsoon five miles was a days journey - its extent was ten miles & I am confident that it, together with a portion of the good road to the East for 5 or 10 miles more, may during next Monsoon be easily accomplished in one day.

3- The worst parts of the first 46 miles of Road No. 2, Viz. from Marawanoor to Dindigul are under repair on an Estimate for the Current year. - For the next 35 miles, from Dindigul to Pylney, the whole is, or will be, under Estimates of the current year in perfect repair.

From thence to Vayloor, at the end of the Collectorate, a distance of 11 miles, & making the total Length 88 miles, the road is complete with exception of a bridge over the deep muddy bottomed stream called the Shanmooga Nuddy, & for which the talook authorities have submitted an Estimate for 921 Rupees; - But this Collectorate is divided from that of Coimbatore on this line by the

the Amraotlee, rising in the Pylney mountains of this Collectorate, but irrigating only the lands of Coimbetore. The river is broad and rapid with a rocky bottom. Boats can be with difficulty made use of and only such as basket boats, being aware Mr. Surveyor Merrett had taken the necessary data for a bridge over it, as I had requested him when at the beginning of the year he was put under my immediate authority, I had the honor to ask you for an Estimate for it on the 13th July, but have not been so fortunate as to be furnished with it. - I calculate it will cost from 15 to 18,000 Rupees & consequently with reference to the Min. Con. of the 6th July last I could not recommend its construction at this juncture any more than the one over the Shunmooga Nuddy altho' both are greatly required because of the traffic on the road because of the convenience of travellers and pilgrims & because the inhabitants of Pylney have been placed under the Moonsif of Oodmulcottah 11 Miles farther west on the same road & in the Coimbatore district. When I verbally or by private letter, requested your predecessor to furnish me with an Estimate for it he objected that it might be considered within the Civil Engineer's Division No. 6, & declined; but neither did he take steps to ascertain to which Division it was considered to belong. I have now therefore to request you will bring the subject specially to the Board's notice & procure me their instructions.-

4. An excellent road has been completed at a trifling expense from Meyloor to Thiroopawanum, on Road No. 22, a distance of 16 miles. From thence to Arawancolum, about 11 miles, the only obstacle is the Kistamanaddy, between the villages of Renggen & Caroogoddy:- It is of great importance to throw a bridge over it in consequence of its rapidity & depth for a long continued period;- The talook estimate, raised by my

my Murammut Superintendent, amounts to Rs 938;- but for reasons above stated I do not now press for its erection any more than for the completion of the road from Aravancolum to Thiroochuly, about 12 miles making a total length to this road of 39 miles.

5. The Occasional Estimates for tanks and water courses are very moderate; and require no detailed notice in this letter.

I have &ca
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura
30th September
1841.

No. 332.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Madura.

Sir,

I beg leave to amend an omission in my letters of the 21st and 28th Instant to call your attention to the crossing of the stream in Alumbaputty, between Calliarcovil & Thiroovaqumputty, on Road No. 14, the erection of a bridge over which in the sanctioned Estimate of Rs 869-1-0. was postponed on the veto of one of your predecessors who, however, made no provision in substitution.

I have &ca
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura
30th September
1841.

No. 333.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Madura

Sir,

In reference to my letters of the 21st, 28th

and 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to bring to your Noti[ce] another work for consideration which I before omitte[d]

In 1839 Mr. Francis' estimate for 12 miles of road, No. 11, from Tricustypoor to Sholapoorum, betwee[n] Thiroopattoor & Shevagunga, was excluded from my Estimates for the following year, on supposition Tha[t I] selected a shorter & less expensive route. Havin[g] reason to think myself mistaken, I adopted it & it was sanctioned for the following, or current, year, Viz. 1841; but it was still considered so imperfect an[d] insufficient by the native executive Servants, that I hav[e] been obliged to postpone the work till you or your Departmen[t] have leisure to reconsider the two lines.

I have &ca.

Madura
1st October 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 340.

Memorandum.

The Inhabitants of Tundalay &ca. 15 Villages, situated East of Cullanay, have complained that a Dam across the Sattyar river, recently constructed at an expens[e] of Rupees 1335-7-1, under the Sanction of Government dated 15th May 1840, for the benefit of the Ryots of Culla[n]ay, is obstructive to the irrigation of the complainants Villages. The Principal Collector therefore begs the Acting Civil Engineer will be good enough to inspect the dam, and ascertaining how the respective parties receiv[-]ed their supplies of water before construction of the dam and whether since its erection the complainants get a less supply than formerly, favor him with his opinion how the evil complained of, if real, can be remedied.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
4th October
1841 }

To

No. 341.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Government Savings Bank Book of Mr. F. Mason, together with an Extract from the Register of payments, made to him, to amount of Rupees Eighty, and request you will be good enough to return the Extract with your Signature and that of Mr. Mason for transmission to the Accountant General; & I beg, at the same time, to refer you to my letters of the 1st and 9th December, as an adherence to the rules laid down by the Accountant General will save us both much trouble & time.

I have &c.

Madura
4th October 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 347

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th Instt., just received, regarding the difference of expected advantage from reconstruction of a dam across the Goondabnuddee, as shewn formerly to Captn. Faber, & now entered by me, I have the honor to request you will let the matter lie over till submission of the Occasional Estimate for 1843, as I know not how long I may be in procuring a satisfactory explanation from the present Tasildar; the one who gave the information to Captain Faber is no more & it is probable in the length of time since the Estimate was made changes have taken place

The Estimates are returned.

Madura 7th Octr. 1841

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

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No. 360

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The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the
Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

In the Company's talooks it is customary to commence all ordinary tank repairs as soon as the season permits & to forward the estimates afterwards. The Board, however have never conceded the same advantage to the assumed lands of Shevagunga. I have therefore the honor to submit direct, as the present Civil Engineer has never yet had an opportunity to enter into the Zemindary an abstract of works required to extent of Rupees 55050. 14. 0, and request you will procure me sanction to commence all or any portion the Board may please to fix, on the opening of the season.

Last year the Board sanctioned an outlay of only 25000 Rupees, of which work to amount of 22000 was completed at the end of last month. Had the sanction been for 70000 or 80000 it is probable nine tenths would have been finished within the year.

Madura
1st November 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 379

To Lieutenant S Best
Civil Engineer 2d. Division
Nellore

Sir,

I have the honor to remind you of my letter of the 21st August last, and request the amount therein retrenched by the Civil Auditor may be remitted to me with as little delay as possible, to enable me to reply to the reaudit of my accounts for fusly 1249.

Madura
6th November 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 3070

To The Civil Engineer

6th Dn. Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor to remind you of my letter of the 21st August last, & request the amount therein retrenched by the Civil Auditor may be remitted to me with as little delay as possible to enable me to reply to the recaustel of my accounts for Fusly 1249.–

Madura
6th November 1041 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 3026

Memo.

The Principal Collector of Madura begs to inform the Civil Engineer of the 8th division that he purposes at an early period to form stone drains in the undermentioned streets in the Fort of Madura; and would therefore be glad if a surveyor can be spared to point out the proper levels to the Devastanom Maistry, whose attendance can be immediately obtained for that purpose, either by application to himself through one of the Dhuloyets in attendance on the Engineer, or by requisition thro the Tasildar of the talook.–

1 Anoomuntarayen Covil Vedhee street
2 Chokkappa Naicken Vedhee street
3 Sunnadhee Vedhee street
4 Buttamar Streets–

Madura
13th November 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To The Civil Engineer

8th Division Madura

No. 387. Memo.–

Finding by a letter just sent by Mr. Assistant Surveyor

Meighan that he is ordered to proceed immediately by Shevagunga to Thiroopettoor, the Principal Collector suggests he should be detained till after Monday when a list can be given him of the many road bridges or Tunnels destroyed, that he may not only enquire to what their destruction is attributable, but also prepare careful estimates for their rebuilding where necessary –

D The principal Collector also suggests he should be employed before departure in attending to the request contained in a Memo: of this date in taking levels for drainage at least of those streets in which the water is collected, & where the execution has only been delayed in expectation of his passing through the town and his services being available –

Madura
13th November 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division Madura

No. 308

Memo:

In reference to a Memo: of the 13th instant, the Principal Collector has the honor to forward copy of road bridges &ca destroyed between Shevagunga & Thiroopettoor on Road No. 11, and he is happy to find none have given way between this & Shevagunga on road No. 14 –

D The Princl Collr. has also the honor to forward for perusal a list of similar damage reported on other roads for the information of the Civil Engineer, & requests he will procure him sanction for their being immediately rebuilt on such modification of plan or dimension as he may suggest on the principle of Ordinary Murammut –

Madura 15th Novr 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr.

To The Civil Engineer 8th Dn Madura

No 390.

The Civil Engineer

8th Division

Madura

Sir,

1. I have the honor to request you will be so good as to return me the unsigned list of damaged road bridges that accompanied my memo. of yesterdays date, and which was sent only for your perusal, but which from your letter of yesterday, in answer, I gather that you do not think required to be sent back.

2. There was nothing in that memo. that ought to have led you to suppose I wished the damaged bridges to be repaired till they had been properly inspected, either by your department or by the Murammut servants of my own Establishment.

There was nothing in my Memorandum from which you should have inferred that I wished you to offer modifications of plans for bridges without any knowledge of their locality.

3. The suggestion that broken & damaged road bridges should be treated in the same way as "Ordinary Murammut" was on the general principle that their necessity having been once admitted, their reconstruction after demolition, or repair after partial injury was very desirable, & in many cases imperative, to prevent further injury. If they were to be treated only as "Occasional Murammut" the convenience of the people, and the revenue of Government would be much lessened, and the outlay for repair greatly increased. If the principle was not to be recognized as a general one, which I strongly advocate it

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should be, I recommend it in this particular case from your intimation that you must be back at Palam-cotay by the middle of December, within which time you could not visit half the scites of the damaged bridges; - from my ignorance of any intention on your part to leave a Surveyor within the Collectorate, and my inference from the past that you would not do so & from the Occasional Estimates of the year 1842 having been already submitted: - But ignorant what view you would take of the matter, or how far you dared to incur responsibility in the general service, I suggested you should procure the sanction you now hesitate to do till you have seen all the spots yourself -

Madura
16. November 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 393

The Civil Engineer
5th Division
Madura

Sir

In reference to our recent correspondence I will not prolong it, since we cannot agree, further than a general dissent from the contents of yours of yesterday -

If you will do me the favor to inform me the portions of this Collectorate you mean to visit, & the portions you mean to entrust to your Surveyor I will have the Extracts from the list copied for you; and I shall then be enabled to employ my own superior Munammut Servants to the best advantage -

Madura
18. November 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 399

To

The Civil Engineer

8th Division

Madura

Sir,

In reference to your diary of the 29th Ult. received on the 16th Instant, I have the honor to return your plan, but without offering any opinion on the propriety of your modification further than that I see nothing against it. – I am given to understand that for 15 years no such fresh as those that have occurred in the present year have been known in the Nungangyar, but that is no reason to infer there will be a similar long interval without a similar fresh –

My servants think the bridge has been well built & will stand. –

With the knowledge of this deficiency of information at the time of preparing the estimate for the bridge over the Nungangyar, I take it for granted from your silence, that you are satisfied the similar dimensions for the one over the Coddavanar, which is as yet scarcely commenced, are sufficient. –

Madura
19 November 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 400

To

The Civil Engineer

8th Division

Madura

Sir,

Observing from your various diaries your wish to have the surface of roads covered with broken stones or Kunker pebbles I have the honor to request you will refer me to any place where I can go myself

or send my servants to examine & report to me on its capabilities and the expense there would be in its formation i.e. if your data are sufficient to cover the expense of introduction of a new practise:- if stones are to be broken, hammers must be provided, but your estimates seem not to enter into the detail; nor to put in juxtaposition the expense that would be required for repairs in the mode your predecessors seem to me to have considered good but which you so entirely disapprove -

Madras
19 November 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Coll

No 397

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward ground plan and elevation of a building raised by Captain Jenkins at Pambon, together with the charges incurred by that gentleman. I have not seen the building which is only now finished but am well acquainted with the eligibility of the scite; and from my personal knowledge of the gentleman, and inspection of the plan & charges, I have not the least hesitation in recommending its purchase by Government in preference to the erection of another for a traveller's Bungalow as now contemplated by the Board, and which I understand is only delayed from a difficulty in selecting the proper form.- If there are

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no Godowns, of which I am not informed, there will be some additional cost to Government, but not great, as stables are not requisite. —

2. When I last communicated with the Civil Engineer it was his intention to be back in Palamcottay by the middle of next month, & he purposed going by Ramnad & Moodoocallatoor Road No. 9, for which a large estimate has been submitted for next years labors. Ramnad is 26 miles from Pambon —

Madura
19th November 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 403

The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Sir, Madura

In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant I beg leave to inform you mine of the preceding day's date, No. 400, was intended merely to request a reference to any portion of road in any other Collectorate in which the plan you so strongly advocate has been carried into effect. —

Madura
22d Novr. 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 410

To
The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Sir, Madura

I have the honor to forward an Account particular of charges for Rupees 961. 13. 11, incurred

for

Constructing & repairing Hoozoor & Talook Cutcheries in Fusly 1250, and request that the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.-

Madura
30th November 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 412

To
The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Madura

Sir

1. Your letter of the 23d November reached me only whilst leaving the office at 1½ p.m on the 24th. I left early having to go 67 miles before noon of the next morning & that you might not be in any way delayed I directed the two statements you required in one of those letters to be prepared & sent you. They were done so accordingly & your writer has informed my Sheristadar one is unsatisfactory & not what you require.- If you will have the goodness to return them to me I will authenticate them with my signature.-

2. In reference to the 1st para of that letter, & without in any way presuming to interfere with your route, I beg to state (in case you have decided on it through some misconception) that I am not aware of any manner of work to be inspected or estimated for between Tondi Ramnad & Sikkal, though it is true I purpose some years hence to carry into effect Mr. Maurett's estimate of the beginning of the year between Ramnad & Sikkal; & on the 67 miles of road from Ramnad to Madura there is but 4 miles that is under execution & that road

work of the simplest description —

Madura }
1st Decr 1841 }

Signed/ J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No 423

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th Ultimo, received yesterday Sunday, I have the honor to acknowledge the error in the concluding para: of my letter of the 10th September, — The charge was for canoes for the use of the pilots at Pambon & not for transport of the Mails from Point Pedro to Rameswaram

Madura }
6th December 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No 424

The Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir,

With reference to our conversation respecting the repair of the causeway over the Vigley at Madura, which I am now inclined to think should be entirely newly laid down, I have the honor to request that on your return to the spot you will be good enough to prepare me an estimate, calculating the distance where you say chalk is to be found in the Cumbum valley, & considering whether it is preferable to use that material or the magnesia from Trichinopoly —

Keeping in mind also that the cement is required to stand weight of moving carriages as well as the action of water, I request you will be so

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good as to give particular directions to the Madacoly Maistry how and where the cement is to be applied i.e whether at the laying of each stone or subsequently by seaming them with the cement after the whole has been laid down, and when by the frequent passing of carts each stone has found its level, under ordinary circumstances.-

The causeway is protected on the streamward side by a line of 3 feet stones driven in endways and I am of opinion the injury sustained by it during the late long continued, heavy flow of water is occasioned by want of that precaution on the leeward side - Attention should be given to the securely fixing of the upright posts for directing the passer, & it should be considered if wood or stone are preferable.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 6th Decr 1841 - Principal Collector

No 425

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 3rd Instant, received yesterday, (Sunday,) I have the honor to return the rough draft of injured bridges &c, as reported, with my signature -

I have also the honor to forward for your temporary use Mr Marretts estimate for road No. 9 +

(Signed) J Blackburne
Madura 6th Decr 1841 - Principal Collector

No. 439

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the department of P. W.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement of the Cost of all the Travellers bungalows constructed in the Collectorate up to fusly 1250 as per form furnished in your Circular of the 29th ultimo, received on the 8th instant.

Madura
15th December 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 443

The Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir

With reference to the 1st para of your letter of the 3d instant I have the honor to forward a statement of outlay incurred for earth and Masonry works for the repairs of all discription of roads within the Collectorate from the year 1834 to 1840 — The Number of the roads on which the work was so performed cannot be supplied without too much trouble.

Madura
17th December 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 447

The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Madura

Sir,

When the estimates for Road No. 9 and in continuation for part of Road 16, since submitted for sanction, was prepared no data were taken for estimate of a bridge over the Goondar on the latter road, and 2 miles South of Thirochule. — As one of your

surveyors

Surveyors is about to be at Thirovchuly, I request he may be allowed to prepare an estimate for it that I may consider the propriety of recommending it for sanction of Government, or may perhaps be able to induce one to undertake its erection at his own expense

Madura
Keela Sellanoor
22d December 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No 453

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 2d, on the 8th, instant, with its inclosed correspondence on the subject of erection of a public bungalow at Pamban, and beg to report, in reference to my letter of the 19th ultimo, that the Bungalow of Lieutenant Jenkin's proposed for purchase is provided with a tiled cook room 14 feet by 10, as also with a Godown (dimensions not specified) the roof of which being of perishable materials, will have to be reformed by the officer in charge of operations, at a probable cost of 50 rupees. And there will be no claim for any preparations on account of the Bungalow sanctioned on the 30th October.

2 In reference to the 5th para. of the Board's address to Government of the 14th October, adverting to the 3d para. of a letter from them of the 20th May, with copy of which I have not been furnished, I beg to suggest no time should be lost in making the separate application then proposed

for furniture for the bungalow as it must now be in a state to receive it.– I know not what arrangements have been proposed for its care, but in preference to the usual mode of a pensioned Sepoy I would recommend a + Maty, speaking English, on five rupees a month.–

Madura Ramnad 27th Decr 1841.–

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

No. 454

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of P. Works.
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will obtain the Boards' permission to return me the plan forwarded with my letter of the 12th February last since they have rejected the proposition for cutting a channel at the Pombaunce Tharavay.–

Madura
Devipatam
28th Decr 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

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No. 1

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

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Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 25th August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's rupees twelve, paid by Mr. R. Davidson Sub Collector of Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette for 3rd & 4th quarters, in arrears for 1840 and in advance for 1st & 2nd quarters of 1841.

Madura Poovandy 9th Jany. 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 2

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

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Sir,

In Conformity with the instructions of Government under date the 11th November 1839, published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 12th of the same Month, Page 771, I have the honor to report no Books have been furnished during the past year.

Madura 14th Jany. 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 3

To the Secretary to Government in the Public Depart.
Fort St. George

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Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 25th August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's rupees three, paid by Panoomachore Ramasawmy Rajah, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

Madura 27th Jany. 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 4. Revenue and Judicial Department

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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Sir,

To the Magte. of Madura 10th Feby. 1841

1st I have the honor to forward a correspondence

with the authorities of Tinnevelly regarding a border dispute as the Collector and Magistrate of that district will neither acquiesce in my measures for preventing recurrence of an affray nor take any measures himself.

The brief outline is this:– Inhabitants of Ramnad Zemindary were cutting wood on a boundary in their possession in October last for which an exaggerated charge of trespass was made against them before the police of Tinnevelly and as the Head Assistant Magistrate appeared to be on the spot I acquiesced in his assumption of authority to investigate the case, tho' I had no doubt it ought to have been left to me; but in my letter to the Magistrate of Tinnevelly I warned him the case had every appearance of a border dispute:– The inhabitants of Ramnad recriminated upon their adversaries charging them before the Head Assistant Magistrate of Madura with tumult and violence; and preferred another charge of the culpable homicide of one of their party by the police officer and others of Satoor talook in Tinnevelly when engaged in the investigation of the first charge– Meantime the Magistrate of Tinnevelly having proceeded to England, the Joint Magistrate in charge stayed proceedings in the first criminal charge;– requested the same might be done with the one preferred in Madura (which was readily acceded to);– proposed investigation of the charge of homicide, and acquiescing in my opinion that the whole was properly a boundary dispute, calling for a civil decision the Naib Sheristadars of the two collectorates made a careful investigation on the spot, but unable to come to a common decision I availed myself of the power resting with me on the principles of the Minute of the 22^d of May 1835, and on their full and sufficient enquiry passed my decision in favor of the Inhabitants of Ramnad Zemindary, which, however, went no further than keeping in possession those

To the Mag^te of Tinnevelly 14th Octr 1840.
To the Mag^te of Tinnevelly 3. Novr 1840.
To the Mag^te of Madura 9th Novr 1840.
To the Joint Mag^te in charge Tinnevelly 11. Novr 1840
To the Mag^te of Madura 14th Novr 1840
To the Mag^te of Tinnevelly 18th Novr 1840.
To the Acting Coll^r of Tinnevelly 9th Decr 1840.
To the Coll^r of Tinnevelly 25th Decr 1840.
To the Prin^l Coll^r of Madura 29th Decr 1840.
To the Coll^r of Tinnevelly 9th Jany 1841.
Decision of the Coll^r of Madura on the border dispute 9th Jany 1841.
To the Prin^l Coll^r of Madura 16th Jany 1841.
To the Coll^r of Tinnevelly 18th Jany 1841.
To the Prin^l Coll^r of Madura 23^d Jany 1841 with enclosure 6th June 1825.
To the Coll^r and Mag^te of Tinnevelly 27th Jany 1841
To the Prin^l Coll^r of Madura 1st Feby 1841 with enclosure

who long have held it to the best of my belief.- The newly appointed Acting Collector and Magistrate, deeming my decision illegal and erroneous, protests against it and appears unwilling to allow it to be enforced:- But neither will he propose any measure, as I have invited him to do, for my concurrence, nor take any steps to secure tranquility to the border till a decision is obtained from the Civil Courts; but contents himself with renewing his protest against the illegality of my proceedings and with affirming that I am injuring the rights of the Company.-

3- As a possible fight between the parties alone will be less indecorous than a collision between the two Collectors I have desired the execution of my orders of the 9th ultimo to be stayed till the instructions of Government are obtained.-

Madura 10th Feby 1841- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr. & Magte.

No. 5

To the Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St George

Sir,

When, in compliance with my recommendations of the 18th September 1837 and 14th January following the Government were pleased, under date the 14th March 1838, to make a donation of rupees 3000 to the American Missionaries of Madura, in aid of Education, in consequence of the momentary distressed state of their finances, their wants were entirely relieved and their Schools, then in infancy, were supported and invigorated and have ever since increased in strength members and apparent permanency- An insufficiency of funds again oppresses them; and unless relieved, they must be compelled to close their English Schools which would greatly to be lamented.

2. But for the labors of these Gentlemen and of Mr. Hubbard, a Member of the propagation Society, on whom devolves also all the clerical duties of the Station, and whose Scholars do not exceed 30, there is little doubt that education, it may fairly be said, would have been entirely abandoned at Madura on the closing of the Collectorate and Tahsildary Schools, which involved an expense of only 324 Rupees per annum, but in substitution of which no plan has yet been put in effect:- and I therefore trust the Government will in consideration of the accompanying statement and remarks, both without date, shewing a correct view of educational operations, the fair field to extend them, limitted only by the want of means there set forth, and crediting the high service done by the former most liberal donation, be induced to afford further assistance either in shape of a donation or of an annual allowance resumable at pleasure, and without warning of any kind-

3. And in conclusion I would beg to ask if more effectual means could possibly be taken for paving the way for whatever may be the result of Governments determination of a general plan of Education for the whole country, and once more recommending my wishes to the protection of the Government-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 15th Feby 1841-

No. 7.

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that my Acting Head Assistant, Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot, has this day taken, before me, the oath prescribed in Regn. II of 1803; and the declaration required by Act No. XXI of 1837-

Madura 4th March 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. C. & Magte.

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No. 8. Public Department 173
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To the Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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Sir

In reply to your letter of the 2d instant, I have the honor to inform you the American Missionaries will feel grateful to His Lordship in Council for any aid he may be pleased to afford to their efforts in behalf of Education of the Natives, and in whatever shape it may be afforded—

By the Statement I had the honor to submit it will appear the present extraordinary pressure in their finances is occasioned by the debit of 3000 rupees, being the purchase money of a dwelling house / an excellent property / within the fort of Madura against the Mission and educational funds of the Current year:—And the second cause was their too easy extension of their Schools in the pressing demands of the population—

The local Missionaries see the very great advantages accruing from the institution of the English School— Their constituents in America seem inclined to think it not essential to Missionary operations— It is therefore, the proposed object of reduction unless the aid of Government enables them to avoid the necessity:—The entire annual charge of its support may be estimated at 1000 Rs; and considering it has about 100 Scholars it may be looked upon as one of the cheapest establishments of the kind possible—

Should the Government think proper to repeat their liberal donation of 3000 rupees, it would save the school for the present year certainly, and probably for ever as in the mean time I am aware

the strongest representations will be made to American of the advantages of Continuing and extending it

/Signed/ J. Blackburne
P. Colt

Madura 6th March 1841

No. 9

To the Secretary to Government
in the public department
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 25th August 1835, /Page 537/ I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's Rupees Six, Paid by Audyappa Chetty on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette

Madura 9th March 1841 — /Signed/ J. Blackburne
P. Colt

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No. 10

To the Secretary to Government Political departt
Fort St. George

Sir

1st In returning Order No. 104, indorsed on the 19th, on a letter of the 2d instant from the Ceylon Governmt with its inclosed petition of the 14th of the preceding Month from Meenatchee Ammaul to His Exy the Governor of Ceylon, I have the honor to inform you the petitioner is, as she states herself to be, the widow of Rengappa Naick, Candian prisoner, deceased on the 14th April 1822, as per accompanying extract particular from the Register.

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2d Below is a list of dependents upon her. — For some time after her husbands demise they were maintained by the sale of her jewels and other property, and afterwards by her son-in-law till the period of his death, five years ago; since which time they have suffered much privation and distress.

Family of deceased Rengappa Naick, Candian prisoner. —

Menatchee Ammaul, widow, aged 50 years ... 175
Rengansaikee ammaul, widow of Iyahsawmy Naick ... 88
Eldest son, deceased ... 29
Her son, Dorahsawmy ... 11
Deceased prisoner's 2d son, Moottoosawmy Naick ... 23.
do third son, Rengasawmy Naick ... 21. &
do Daughter, Panchammaul, a widow ... 29

3. Necessity for references from my Circuit office to that at Madura has prevented greater promptitude of answer.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll. & Mag

Madura Thoveramcoorchy 30th March 1841.

No. 11.

To the Secretary to Government in the Public Dept
Fort St George

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Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St George Gazette dated 25th August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Companys Rupees Twelve paid by Mr C. T. Arbuthnot on account of subscription to the Fort St George Gazette, in arrear for the 2d 3d & 4th Quarters of 1840, and in advance for the 1st Quarter of 1841.

Madura Manapahn 2d April 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

No. 12.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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Judicial Dept

Eng: XXII to XXV of 1840.
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Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two printed Copies and translation of Acts of the Supreme Government specified in the Margin

Madura Thoveramcoorchy 6th April 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

No. 13

To the Chief Secretary Fort St George

Sir

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

on the 4th instant of the Extract from the Minutes of Consul-
tation of the 30th Ultimo, and of its accompaniments, calling for
my information I may have to offer regarding the stoppage
of ten days pay in September of 2d Dresser Chellumbram,
attached to the Sub Collectors' department. D

2. By the Minutes of Consultation of the
9th June 1837 Native Dressers were attached to Collectors;
and, as I understand the Minute, were to attend them on
Circuit and to abide their bidding in all matters tending
to the health, and for services of Medical jurisprudence of
the inhabitants, whether revenue servants, or private indi-
viduals and communities, though nothing of this entered
in detail into the Minute, but it was expressly provided
that when not on Circuit, and there is nothing to shew it
must necessarily be on Circuit with the Collector, they
were to attend to the instructions in a medical and pro-
fessional point of view only of the Medical officer in
charge of the Zillah, or of the station nearest to it.
They draw their pay directly from the Collector on their
special receipt and it is charged in the Revenue department.

For a considerable time the predecessor of Chellumbram,
supported and incited by the superintending Surgeon, had
paid but poor obedience to the Sub Collector, and my re-
ference to Government of the 16th August last was the
consequence. Whilst it was pending I caused Chellum-
bram to be informed that I looked upon the Sub Collector
as his immediate superior; cautioned him not to disobey
him, and warned him fairly of what would be the conse-
quence. Fever was raging to a most deplorable extent
in Attoor and neighbouring villages; and in the course of
[...] months we had lost 1363 persons by death out of 4011

attacked, and a great many by temporary abandonment of cultivation house and property. The predecessor of Chellumbram for various reasons had neglected to do his duty in going there. The dresser attached to my office was sent and did much good. The disease abated for a while, and breaking out again with nearly similar devastation the Sub Collector directed Chellumbram to go to the place, which he obstinately refused to do unless the Sub Collector went with him. After an absolute cessation of all duty under the Sub Collector for 10 days, he started for the villages, after having obtained the orders, or permission, of Mr. Kellie the Assistant Surgeon of Madura, distant from Dindigul 40 Miles. The Assistant Surgeon did not volunteer to go himself, and Chellumbram returned after a hurried insufficient useless halt of a few hours during one day, and made his report to the Medical authorities there was no fever in the place. That return was false. The matter however being before the Council I was satisfied that the man had returned to his obedience, ungracious though it was, and immediately revoked the order for continued suspension of his pay, but from that day till the Sub Collector resumed charge of his division, about 3 Months after, the dresser did no duty in the Revenue department, but was exclusively employed in attendance on a detachment of Native Infantry at Dindigul.

3. As it appears to me the Superintending Surgeon and his European subordinates have no concern whatever in the payment of Native dressers attached to Collectorates by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council through the Board of Revenue I object that any act of mine as regards Chellumbram's pay should be brought

to the notice of Government through their Channel, whilst the legitimate one through the Board of Revenue was open to him. I do not consider myself amenable to the orders of Mr. Superintending Surgeon Currie, or Mr. Assistant Surgeon Gill, regarding pay of officials attached to my office.

In my apprehension there is a great want of candour towards me in the way in which the complaint has been brought to the notice of Government, as well on the part of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Gill, as of Mr. Superintending Surgeon Currie and the Medical Board themselves.

In Mr. Gills' letter of the 20th February to the Superintending Surgeon he seems to lay a stress on the word immediate obedience to the order of his revenue superior by Chellumbrom, and he seems to adopt and approve of his reason Vizt. that "he might communicate with the Zillah Surgeon, Mr. Kellie, as it has always been understood that such subordinates should perform their medical duties under the superintendence of the nearest medical officer." But Mr. Gill does not mention that nearest medical officer was distant from him by post route 66 miles making 3 days necessary to receive an answer, and distant by direct route 40 miles. Nor does he even attempt to shew the nature of the query put to Mr. Kellie. I cannot think the Minute of Consultation of the 9th June 1837 ever contemplated the immediate supervision of a dresser so situated by a medical officer 40 miles distant: and at all events the station and district of Dindigul, tho' having 4 Vaccinators, and having suffered at times Extraordinary ravages from disease, has never once been visited by the Assistant Surgeon of Madura.

In Mr. Superintending Surgeon Curries' charge, or

support of the charge, against me, he also leaves the Medical Board in ignorance of the local nature of the connexion between the dresser and the nearest Medical officer, and I think I perceive great want of candour towards me in the consideration with which he would save the Board the trouble of referring to the Minutes of Consultation of the 1. December, and I think his quotation of a portion only was calculated to be injurious to me in the event of the Boards' reliance on it, and neglect to compare it with the whole Minute. I shall refer again to this subject in a subsequent paragraph.—

I object a want of candour towards me on the part of the Board in their evident consideration of the document being essential to the Government's passing their judgement in the matter from their sending it up (tho' in my Eyes it is of no consequence whatever to the question if I have or have not acted right in stopping the dresser's pay for the period he was not doing duty) and yet taking no notice of its being only a partial Extract not calculated to throw full light upon the question:— And I think, too, if they had mentioned their recent correspondence with the Post Master General in consequence of my address to him, the Government might have seen cause to doubt if this matter was again re-agitated solely with a view to the benefit of the public service—

4— The Superintending Surgeon and the Medical Board have added to Mr. Gill's original charge that I have paid no attention to a communication through the latter Gentleman, of the Superintending Surgeon on this matter, but as the Government do not require either admission

of the fact, or explanation of motives I do not trouble them with any remarks -

5. I am happy to see Mr Superintending Surgeon Currie quote the Governments recorded displeasure with the Sub Collector for want of courtesy in failing to reply to the Superintending Surgeons letter of the 8th July as it enables me to justify him from that blame at expense of a mere accidental oversight; and the Government can, if they see reason, shift that blame on me: - Early on taking charge of this Collectorate I was subjected to much inconvenience from communications being held direct between my subordinates and officers of other districts - I prohibited any such except on emergencies, and then exacted that copies of the communication received and sent should be immediately forwarded to me - On receipt of Mr Curries' letter the Sub Collector forwarded me a transcript, stated to be a true copy, but wanting the verification of his signature - I have very recently learned this was entirely accidental & that he was entirely unaware of it: - From my knowledge of the Sub Collectors' friendly character, and willing co-operation in all matters concerning the public good, I concluded, at the time, that though he wished to keep me apprised of what was occurring, he was also desirous to avoid offending any one, or in any way interrupting harmony or the public good. Now I am inclined to think the Superintending Surgeon may have been irritated by this solely accidental non-attention to his letter, and that in all his subsequent conduct he has been guided by those irritated feelings to which I am sorry to have been accidentally instrumental, and I judge this from the general tenor of his letters, from the assurance he wished Mr Gill to make me

as shewn in his letter to that Gentleman on the 14th October, from the constant vexatious conduct (at least so I thought it) of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Kellie; and from

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the superscription on the outside of a letter on public service to Chellumbram to effect that "if the Sub Collector "of Dindigul or the Commanding officer refused to do "their duty he must take care to let him know and "he would see they should do it" or words to that Effect. This letter I did not see: I presume Mr. Curries memo may serve to allow his admission of the fact: or if not I believe I could prove it by witnesses. I have heard the fact from two, and two others whom I should bring forward in proof, if required, are entirely ignorant of my having heard of the Circumstance.

In the same Minute of the 31st December the Government declare the Sub Collector "was not justified "in having sent the 2nd dresser into the villages at the very "time when the exigencies of the public service required "his presence, at Dindigul, to afford medical aid to the "Military hospital which had been left without a "dresser".

It was with great grief I saw this imputation upon the Sub Collector, but had it not been for the present reagitation of the subject I should have followed that Gentleman's conduct in abstaining from any remark; as it is, I beg to say that at the moment there was not one man who required medical attendance in the Military hospital.

In the same Minute "His Lordship in Council considered Mr. Davidson to have acted very improperly in refusing to forward the dresser's letter supposing it was franked by the Commanding officer and

subjecting letters on the service to a charge of postage— Here again it is necessary for me to attempt to justify Mr Davidson, and for the reasons immediately before given: when the reference was made to me I considered the Post office rules attentively, and in strict accordance with their exigence, from which I have no discretionary authority to deviate, I desired that no letter from the dresser should be forwarded except with Mr Davidson's frank looking upon him as the sole immediate superior of the dresser attached to his office, and the letter never was brought to Mr Davidson with a request to frank it himself— When the Post Master General subsequently directed repayment of the postage he distinctly gave Mr Davidson authority to receive for the future the dresser's letters, if franked by the Commanding Officer of the detachment, and as expressly admitted that Mr Davidson's previous refusal (under my instructions) so to do, was correct—

As the Government see the matter in a different point of view Mr Davidson and myself submit without murmur to their decision—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Colr

Madura 20th April 1841—

No. 14 Revenue and Judicial Dept.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I had the honor to receive on the 19th the Revenue Boards' communication of the 12th instant, of the Min: Con: of the 27th March, desiring that the frequent and apparently extensive fires which had of late occurred in Madura should be brought to the Magistrates' attention with a view to their cause being reported to Government," and, to shew they have never failed

Copy of Extracts are kept in record — Vizt Paras 5. 5. 7. & 6 of letters to Provl Court of Circuit dated 2d Feby 1838, 21st Feby 1839, 24th Jany 1840 and 30th Jany 1841 —

to meet my attention and care I beg leave to submit Extracts from my annual police reports for the four last years, and to express my belief that every fire has been purely accidental. and very rarely have ever individuals been fairly open to more than very slight blame for want of sufficient care and thought —

2. The crowded clusters of houses or huts in all towns, thatched in almost all cases, renders them peculiarly liable to fire — a spark from a cheroot or the end of one carelessly thrown aside unextinguished are quite sufficient causes — Where the Government lend money for the purposes of re-erecting them their officer has an influence which enables him to insure a greater space for building — more regularity and the use of a less dangerous and more durable material, such as tiles or terraces: — And when the Government express their willingness to give advances for cultivation when men are only in want of means from their own improvidence I do not see on what principle it is refused when it becomes necessary from accidental fires: — The refusal of Government is likely to have the effect of withdrawing a portion of the lands from cultivation that some of the money appropriable to seed and bullocks may be expended on a miserable dwelling, which will be added to year after year to meet the wants of the family till the village is again in danger from its close and crowded state, when the whole will probably be burned again to the ground, and a repetition of the present distress exhibited —

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If the Board of Revenue had informed Government I had so entirely discountenanced advances for cultivation that scarce a rupee had been granted in the current year, the Government might have been inclined to look upon the sought for loan as an advance for Cultivation, and that being what they are in the annual habit of sanctioning to a large extent, they might have received my petition in favor of very poor cultivators with a favorable Eye and complied with its prayer -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr. & Magte

Madura 26th April 1841 -

No. 15.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return Certificate No. 213 granted to superannuated pensioner Vencut Rao, deceased at Streevullaputtoor in Tinnevelly on the 1st March last -

The place of decease accounts for the delay in retransmission of the Certificate which has only been recovered this day -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr.

Madura 8th May 1841 -

No. 16.

To the Secretary to Government
Political department
Fort St. George

Sir,

In obedience to the instruction of the Board of Revenue, as shewn in the Extract of their proceedings of the 10th instant, and their indorsement on petition No. 1900 of 1840 of the same date received on the 27th Idem, I have the honor to forward the original petition, bearing their two indorsements of the 25th Feby and 10th May, of my address to the Board of the 23rd April, and of their proceedings of the 10th May that the Government may, if they think proper, take into consideration

the claim of the petitioner -

Madura 31st May 1841 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

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No. 17.

To the Chief Secretary

Fort St. George

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Sir,

On a very varied complaint of the 12th Decr. 1840 against me by the Civil Engineer of this, the 8th Division, the Board of Revenue, in the department of Public Works, censured me under date the 25th January on three heads:- I remonstrated on the 2nd February on the 1st head in that the document in which they founded the censure did not bear the construction they put upon it:- On the 2nd that it was unjust to me to take accusation for proof:- And on the third head, in that there was no charge against me by my accuser; and I denied there being the slightest grounds on my side to imagine the assumed fact for which I was censured to exist.- In their letter of the 22nd February the Board affirmed the correctness of their censure on the 1st head - On the 2nd they were of opinion the Civil Engineer would not have accused me without grounds:- and on the 3rd they maintained the tone of the correspondence warranted the conclusion they had come to and the necessity for noticing it.

And they concluded by pointing out that their proceedings were communicated "to both officers without, however attributing blame or conveying censure to either," and that I had no need to have appropriated exclusively to myself observations equally applicable to the Civil Engineer -

In my letter of the 10th March I renewed my belief of the entire misconstruction put by the Board

in my letter of the 16th November to the Civil Engineer:- I remarked on the hardship of an accusation against me being listened to, and recorded, without affording me the possibility of refuting it:- And I renewed my positive denial of having given any ground for the third censure.

On the 29th March the Board expressed their pleasure that they had been in error when recording the third censure and declined my further notice of my remonstrance.

On the 9th April I begged submission of my appeal against the 1st and 2d censures to Government unless the Board would do me the favor to inform me they considered me blameless on those two points, or would put the charge to the proof.

As in their letter of the 20th May, received on the 29th, they decline to afford me the gratification of knowing that the different charges have not injured me in their estimation as a public officer, I am compelled by reasons recorded in the correspondence to claim protection from the Government against unfounded complaints and against censures passed upon them without investigation.

Madura 5th June 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No 18

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of a pension Certificate, No 110, granted for Rupees 5-5-9. by the Ceylon Government, to Moonyappen, late private of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment payment to be made in this Collectorate, which I have accordingly made from January to May, & beg the Sanction of Government for its continuance.

I take this opportunity to notice that the Solemn asseveration is not substituted for the Oath with respect to any of these pensioners.

And mentioning the extreme infirmity of some of them, & their distant residence from Madura

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I would beg permission to pay them monthly thro' the head of the Talook in which they reside, requiring their presence & administration of the oath only once in 6 months. There will be no fear of fraud or over pay:ment.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura Thiroopavanom
25th June 1841.

No 19.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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Sir,

I have the honor to report no referred petitions were disposed of by me in last month, none remaining to be disposed of

Madura 1st July 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

No 20.

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

1 In the dilapidated fort of Thiroopattoor in Sheevagungah, where Murdoo Sheevagaren was hung, are the remains of the Officers quarters consisting of external & partition walls without roofing or timber of any description. Measuring 50 yards long, 6 wide & $4\frac{5}{10}$ high, of brick and Chunam, with ten door & 19 window ways. They are not included in my returns of public buildings, nor yet on the returns of the Officer Commanding detachment of N. I. at Madura, & have not been made any kind of use of since the troops were withdrawn at the beginning of the Century. They would not be worth the cost of pulling down & do not appear capable of being converted into any Edifice useful for the Company.

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2 Seven great roads leading thro' this town have been recently, or are in progress of being, put into efficient repair. A chettrom for Native travellers

travellers is a desideratum & the walls here alluded to are well adapted for Conversion into such a building, for which funds will be forthcoming from the Surplus of charitable institutions of Shivagunga, & I have therefore the honor to recommend their appropriation for that purpose. The ground on which they stand is Poramboke - & the scite is convenient as in the immediate vicinity of the Talook Cutchery & where water can easily be had on sinking Wells at an inconsiderable expense - As yet there is not a single Chuttrom in this border towns which ought to become one of very considerable importance. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Ag. Collector

Madura 19th July 1841.

No. 21.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

1 I have had the honor to receive the Minutes of Consultation of the 15th instant, rejecting my appeal against the charges of the Civil Engineer being admitted as true, unsupported by proof, & bearing my positive denial -

2 The waste of my time in preferring that appeal has not caused one iota's neglect of my public duties nor has it delayed execution of those duties one single moment. -

Recollection of the Min: Con: 11th October 1837: - the 16th of May 1840, & 30th March last seemed to render the appeal imperative to my own protection from oppression. -

The first was the false accusation of a cabal none of whom even in authority over me, which received support from Government, & from the stings of which I continued nearly hopelessly to suffer. -

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The Second was a misrepresentation of the Zillah Court published to the whole judicial service.

The third was an accusation of the Superintendent Surgeon against my Subordinate in which the latter Gentleman seemed to me to be admitted to have acted correctly yet was reproved. perhaps for want of perspicuity in my explanation of his conduct or from the brevity in his own answer. But in this last case I do not accuse myself of troubling the Govt. of my own free will, for in it I took no step except in answer to their demands.

There was one other occasion, to the date of which I cannot now refer, in which after about two years I obtained an answer & part redress of grievance, in according a portion of my withheld pay, in which I did venture to address the Govt.

These, & the present occasion which has drawn down on me the reproof of Government, are the only occasions on which I have sought their protection in a period of 26 years Service. I believe they are the only ones on which I have ever received reproof, & have all been given on accusation of others without local investigation, or of witnesses, and in which I was the aggrieved party, or at least the Defendant. & on this score I hope the late trouble I have given his Lordship in Council may be excused.

3 In his present reproof to me his Lordship in Council observes that tho' it was the duty of the Engineer to have brought the neglect of the Tapildars (which I still affirm did not exist) to my notice in the first instance, yet he might well be deterred from doing so from "the disinclination shewn by me to attend to such representations in the case of the Tatrok Maramut Servants"

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Now I beg to point out the letter agt the Mu[illegible] Servants is dated 16th November 1840 - this letter gave rise to the Correspondence which so far as I am concerned has so greatly displeased His Lordship: - I think it is self evident from the correspondence that Captn Faber's mistaken charge of neglect by Tahsildars must have occurred when he was in the district and under his own personal observance. If this be admitted & the assertion I am about to make be credited (& if not it is capable of easy proof) the inference which His Lordship has recorded in excuse of Captain Faber, & in aggravation of my misconduct & misjudgement in troubling him, must fall to the ground: - Captn Faber quitted the district of Madura on the 20th or 21st August 1840 for the last time; and to this moment no other Civil Engineer his set foot in the Collectorate. Consequently my disinclination to listen to his Complaint against the Mu[illegible] Servants could not by possibility have influenced him to neglect Complaint to me agt the Tahsildars -

Madura 3rd August 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

No 22

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d Ultimo, accompanied by two printed Copies & Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government specified in the Margin

Engh I to VI of 1841
Do Index for 18[illegible]
Tamil XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, & XXII of do
Maratah VI & IX of do

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collector.

Madura
16th August 1841

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

1 I have just had the honor to receive the extracts from the Min: Con: of the 15th instant, remarking that the use made by me of a (private) letter from Mr Bayley was so indiscreet as to have excused Mr Bayley's reference to Government on the subject.

2 Having engaged to R. Appah Iyen to pay a visit to Poodoocotay a long private, disagreeable letter from Mr Bayley induced me to change my mind - In excuse for my broken promise I sent Copy of that Gentleman's private letter to Appah Iyen. It was important to me that all who communicate with me should know I act not from caprice but from sufficient grounds, & such is my conduct with every one with whom I have any correspondence from the Government to the peon or private acquaintance - That the communication of his letter might be disagreeable to Mr Bayley I think likely, but such a consideration would have no weight with me -

3 Feeling thus that I have not made an indiscreet use of Mr Bayley's private letter, I can only imagine he has misrepresented the case he has brought before Government.

4 I am unaware if my last communication to R. Appah Iyen ever reached its destination, or was intercepted in the general post office or elsewhere.

5 On receiving these minutes I have not failed to read again those of the 15th

15th Ultimo.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura 21st August }
1841. }

No 24

To the Chief Secretary to Govern.t
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to a Memo: of the 12th Instant which accompanied a republished Copy of Act No 1 of 1841 I have the honor to return the former Act of the same Number received with your letter of the 22d Ultimo D

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura 25th Augt 1841.

No 25

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to report no referred petitions were disposed of by me in last month, none remaining to be disposed of. D

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

Madura 1st Septbr }
1841 }

No 26

Political Departt

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

On the 20th Ultimo I had the honor to receive the order of Council of the 17th of the same Month directing report on a petition of Comarasawmy naick to the Ceylon Government (both returned) R & beg to state that from the Depositions of the Complainant and of Soobboosawmey Rajah, son of Ungalasawmey Rajah, I am of opinion the Complainant is not of that near degree of consanguinity that he pretended in his petition

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and he now no longer maintains, & that he is not entitled to any separate subsistence or share whatever; had he had fair claim he would not have suffered 12 years (sic) since the death of Vungalasawmey) to elapse without prosecuting his right, and I think he has only been induced to do so by Soobbosawmy Rajah having introduced his name, in No 27, into the list of dependants he furnished under date 30th August 1839, when seeking an increase of his pension, which was subsequently granted by the Ceylon Government on the 17th October of that year.

Madura Thiroopavanom }
15th September 1841. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P Collector

No 27

To The Secretary to Government
Judicial Departt.
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two printed Copies & Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government specified in the margin.

Engh. VII to XI of 1841.
Do Index for 1838 & 39
Tamil XXIII of 1840
Maratah XIII of 1840.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collector

Madura 27th Septr 1841.

No 28. Political Departt

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I had yesterday the honor to receive the Min: Con: of the 22d Instant with Copy of a letter of the 7th Idem from the Ceylon Government, desiring the attention of Collectors might be called by Circular to a former letter of that Government under date the 10 April 1834; and beg to observe the general rule laid down in that letter was exclusive of the Candian pensions payable in Madura; which had been

provided

provided for in a different manner as proposed by Mr Peacock on the 14th January 1831, and approved of by the Ceylon Government under date the 3rd May of the same year.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collr

Madura 27th Septr 1841.

No 30

Political Department

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In returning petition No 501 of 1841, Recd with your Endorsement of the 12th on the 19th Instant, I have the honor to refer you to my letter of the 31st May; and to state briefly that on the pension of 140 Rupees a Month being confirmed to Soobbosawmy rajah on the death of his father, a portion of it, Viz. 28 Rs a month was set apart by my predecessor, under the sanction of the Ceylon Government, to be separately paid to Rungasawmy rajah, one of his relatives: — On the 17th October 1839 petitioner obtained an increase of 33 Rupees a Month to his pension of 140: — On Rungasawmy rajah's application to partake of the benefit I considered it just to support his claim, & under date the 29th June a payment of Rs 6-9-7 from the 33 rupees was sanctioned by His Majesty's Government in Ceylon.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

Madura Ammanaickanoor
25th October 1841.

No 31

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that my Sub Collector, Mr William Elliot, has, this day, taken before me the Oath prescribed in Regn II of 1803, & the declaration required by Act No XXI of 1837.

Madura 22d Novr 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

No 32

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To The Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

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Engh. XII to XXI of 1841.
Tamil I of do
Maratah XIV, XXII & XXIII of 1840.

I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of duplicate printed Copies, & Translations, of the Acts of the Supreme Government, specified in the Margin.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collector

Madura 23 Nov 1841.

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To

The Civil Auditor

Fort St George

Sir

D I have the honor to forward a revised return of the actual number and expence of the Civil armed Establishment employed during the half year ending 31st October 184[illegible] prepared agreeably to the Form A which accompanied your Cir[cular] letter of the 13th Instant. The instructions contained in the 2nd Para of your letter will be attended to in the preparation of the future Annual returns.

Madura
18th January 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

№ 34

To

The Civil Auditor

Fort St George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 21st Instant, received this day, I have the honor to inform you no disbursment D was made to Mr Assistant Surgeon J Kellie on account of pay and allowance subsequent to the 11th October last in this Collectorate. Thinking it possible you may have addressed me in mistake for the Collector of Tinnevelly, I have forwarded Copy of your letter to that officer.

Madura
25th January 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

№ 2

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St George

Sir

D I have the honor to annex a Memo of Sums disbursed to Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 8th Division

on account of his allowance from 1st December 1840 to 2nd Jany 1841, as required by your letter of the 9th Instant.

Memo

Civil Salary for December		700 " "
Tentage for 31 days @ 4 Rupees per day		124 " "
		824 " "
Civil Salary from 1st to 2nd Jany	45 2 6	
Tent allowance for 2 days at 4 Rupees per day	8 " "	53 - 2 - 6
		Rs 877 - 2 - 6

Madura
2d February 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 84

To the Civil Auditor
Sir
Fort St. George

I have the honor to report that Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot joined this Station yesterday morning, and has taken before me the Oath prescribed in Regulation II of 1803, and the Declaration required by act No. 21 of 1837, this day.

Madura 4th March 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 115

To the Civil Auditor
Sir,
Fort St. George

In answer to your letter of the 11th instant directing a retrenchment from Mr. Arbuthnot in consequence of his absence from his station without leave, from the 1st to 4th January, I have the honor to communicate that gentleman's objection in as much as he says the amount was deducted from his salary for January & that you appear to have forgotten the Circumstance.

Madura
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23 March 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 198 197 100

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St George

Sir

With reference to the pencilled remarks at the foot of the Register of Vouchers for May transmitted yesterday I have the honor to forward 2 Abstracts of Lieut. C. W. Francis, First Assistant Civil Engineer 8th Division, One for Rupees 234 and the other for Rupees 56, and request they may be filed with Nos. 94 & 95.

Madura 15th June 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 222

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St George

Sir

I beg leave to apologise for my oversight of the Circular of the 13th January last which has put you to the trouble of reminding me of it by your letter of the 1st Instant. As I received it only yesterday you will perceive I have lost no time in complying with its requisition, and have now the honor to forward the Statement of Civil Armed Establishment.

Madura 6 July 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

No. 227

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St George

Sir

With reference to your letter to the Principal Collector of the Northern Division of Arcot dated the 6th April last desiring recovery of a difference of Rupees 22-3-2 from Mr. A. M. Owen, Head Assistant Collector of this District, on account of

a retrenchment against him, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me as to the period for which retrenchment was made, and whether his Subscription to the Civil fund is inclusive or exclusive

Madura 7th July 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

No. 231 Princl. Collr.

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Statement exhibiting the Actual Number and Expense for fusly 1250, and that proposed for the Current fusly 1251, of the Civil Armed Establishment of this Collectorate as per Form B transmitted with your letter of the 13th January last,

Madura 14th July 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne

No. 237 Princl. Collr.

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 9th Instant I have the honor to inform you that the Salary of Mr. J Horsley, Zillah Judge of Madura from 3d to 30th June, was not included in the Judicial Indent for last Month. He was only paid Rupees 155 - 8 - 10 - (Signed) J Blackburne

Madura
19th July 1841 Principal Collr.

No. 238 | 201
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To The Civil Auditor

Sir | Fort St. George

I have the honor to forward a statement of Charges incurred for Rupees 554 in Remitting 5,00000 Company's Rupees to the General Treasury at the Presidency on the 5th March, and request the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

The Certificate taken from the Officer escorting Trea[sure] is herewith inclosed.

Madura 19th July 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 277

To The Civil Auditor

Sir | Fort St. George

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to return my Journal for June last that it may be altered as directed in the Accountant General['s] letter of the 11th Instant.

Madura 21st August 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 303

To The Civil Auditor

Sir | Fort St. George

I have the honor to inform you Mr. Living[ston] has reported his arrival at Madura on the 9th Instant.

Madura Thiroopoovanum } (Signed) J. Blackburne
12th September 1841 } Princl. Collr.

No 308

To The Civil Auditor

Sir

Fort St George

I have the honor to forward Mr Wm H Lweng's Travelling Charge Bill from Madras to Madura, and request your authority for its payment

Madura 16th September 1841 / Signed / J Blackburne

Princl Collr

No 337

To The Civil Auditor

Sir

Fort St George

With reference to your letter of the 9th Ultimo I have the honor to apprize you Mr J Gill, late Assistant Surgeon in Tinnevelly Zillah, has paid into my Treasury the amount of retrenchment against him, Rupees 52 5

Madura 2d October 1841 / Signed / J Blackburne

Principal Collector

No 352

To The Civil Auditor

Sir

Fort St George

I have the honor to forward a statement of Charges incurred for Rupees 135-12 3 in remitting 100000 Company's Rupees to the General Treasury at the Presidency, on the 26th June 1841; and request that the necessar[y] sanction of Government may be obtained for the same:

The Certificate taken from the Officer Escorting Treasure is herewith inclosed.

Madura 16th October 1841 / Signed / J. Blackburne

Prin[l] Col[r]

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No. 356

To The Civil Auditor

Sir — Fort St George

It is with great regret I have to report the loss Government have sustained in the demise of the late Sub Collector, Mr Robert Davidson, on the evening of the 20th Instant.

Madura Dindegul }
22d October 1841 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 377

To The Civil Auditor

Sir — Fort St George

In acknowledging the receipt of your Circular of the 18th ultimo, received on the 4th Instant, annexing a Form of Register of all Civil Pensions paid in the Collectorate for Fusly 1249, I have the honor to state there are no Civil Pensions but the following payable in this District, and even these I hesitate to enter in the Return called for viz

Pensions charged under the Head of "Pensions & Charitable Allowances of a General nature" viz

Pensions to the family of the late Poligar of Veeroopatchee per mensem Rupees 105 " "

Do to Pareyamoyatavan son of the late Shadamoyatavan, a Poligar prisoner returned from Prince of Wales Island, Do — — — — — — 30 " —

"Pension to families of deceased servants unconnected

with the Native Pension Fund.—viz

Pension to the family of the late Moftee Sudr Ameen of the Zill Court of Madura Do 17-8-„

Should Return be made for any of the above I shall submit it on receipt of your instructions.—

Madura 5th Novr 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

No 385

To The Civil Auditor

Sir Fort St George

I have the honor inform you CRs 52 „ 5 have been recovered from Mr J Gill, late Assistant Surgeon of Tinnivelly, as retrenched in your letter of the 9th Septr last.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Madura 13th Novr 1841 Prinl Collr

No 133

To The Civil Auditor

Sir Fort St George

Agreeably to your instructions of the 9d August I have recovered from Mr F Copleston the sum of Rs 300, on account of the retrenchment of Rs 798, directed by you, and for which sum credit will be given to the Collector of Cuddapah in the accounts of the current month.

These particulars have been noted on the back of the last pay certificate furnished to

Mr. Copleston on his departure for Trichinopoly
Madura 11th Decr. 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 435

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 7th Instant, calling for my early reply to the reaudit of my accounts for fusly 1249, I have the honor to inform you I have ready by me both draft and fair copy of all the items that depend upon me; but the numbers indicated below still requiring superior sanction I have the honor to add to them the last dates in which the necessary sanction was sought; and request you will inform me if you would have the replies in their present in-complete state, or, wait till all can be given at once.

Madura 13th December 1841 J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Nos. 1 to 3	28th October
31 to 33	10th September
36	28th Do.
55	28th October J.B.

No. 448

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to your letters of the 18th October and 11th Instant I have the honor to forward a Register of

Civil Pensions paid in this Collectorate for fusly 1249 as per form furnished by you—

Signed/ J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura - Thiroopalanai
24th December 1841

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No. 1

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, counterordering transmission of my duplicate ledger for 1039/40, I have the honor to inform you it had been fair copied and was on the point of transmission: it has required the expenditure of a quire and a half of Royal paper.—

Madura }
Trnde 1st January 1041. } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 61. Exchange for Companys Rupees . . . 804 . . .

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J. J. Franklin, in charge of the Manar Survey, the sum of Companys Rupees Eight hundred and four to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys Rupees Eight hundred and four to Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from—

Madura }
Trnde 5th January 1041. } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 62. Exchange for Companys Rupees 324 . 4 . .

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J. Blackburne, the

the sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and twenty four and Anas four to be paid, at Madras, to Mr George Sowlan, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and twenty four and Anas four to Mr George Sowlan, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura
5th January 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 63 Exchange for Companys' Rupees - 307.14.

To The Accountant General.
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr Robert Davidson the sum of Companys Rupees Three hundred and seven & Anas fourteen to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. G. Gordon & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of C. Rs. Three hundred and seven and Anas fourteen to Messrs. G. Gordon & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from -

Madura
7th January 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 64 Exchange for Companys Rupees - 302. 11 -

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr Robert Davidson the sum of Companys Rupees Three hundred and two and Anas Eleven to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Griffiths & Co.

D &Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rs. Three hundred and two, and Anas Eleven to Messrs. Griffiths &Co., but not to their order, as per advice from —

Madura 7th January 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 65 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . . 240 - - -

To The Accountant General Fort St. George.

Sir,

D Having received from Mr. Robt. Davidson the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and forty to be paid, at Madras, to Mr. A. C. Cole, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and forty to Mr. A. C. Cole, but not to his order, as per advice from —

Madura 7th January 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 5

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office Fort St. George.

D Sir,

I have the honor to forward, under two separate envelopes, the Duplicate Journal for the Official Year 1839/40, as directed in the Accountant General's letter of the 17th November last —

Madura Cutcherry 7th January 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 66 Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 12 ...

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Twelve to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees twelve to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from —

Madura
Poovandy 9th Jany. 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 67 Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 1400 ...

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Mr. W. H. Babington the sum of Company's Rupees One thousand and four hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Compy's Rupees One thousand and four hundred to Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from —

Madura
11th January 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 11

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of

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of the 9th, on the 13th Instant, returning the Memo: of alterations in my Office Journals and progressive abstracts from December 1039 to September 1040, and requiring a revised one to be made in the Journals and abstract from 1st to 11th July 1040, and a revised Demand sheet for that period, I have the honor to inform you that, agreeably to the instructions in the first part of your letter of the 5th Ulto, the required alterations were introduced in my Office Journals by debiting to "Land Revenue Current" under the entry of Sundry Accounts Dr. to Profit and loss of the Revenue Department, the Demand of Kullimanthai moottah to the Head of "Permanently settled," and excluding it from "Annual Settlement" "Ryotwar" from December 1039 to June 1040; and on the same principle the progressive abstracts from December 1039 to September 1040 were altered so as to correspond with the Journals, and the Memo: was furnished to your Office on the 20th Ultimo in order that the same alterations might be made in the Journals and Abstracts furnished you for the period aforesaid; - The Abstract for October 1040 was also prepared in the same mode. -

The Duplicate Journal for 1039/40 was also prepared on the same principles for the Hon'ble Court of Directors, and transmitted to your Office with my letter of the 7th Instant, and as you do not seem to acknowledge any difference in the instructions of your letters of the 5th Ultimo, and 9th Instant; and as you have not returned the duplicate Journal

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prepared for the Court of Directors I hesitate to make any new changes till I hear from you again: and, meantime, beg to observe that all demands from land, whether in settled or unsettled Zemindaries, cease in June and do not recommence till November, and at the end of June there were no arrears left to be collected.—

Madura
15th January 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 15.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a revised Journal for November last with corrections directed in the Accountant General's letter of the 23rd Ultimo & beg to inform you the particularisation of Inland, Town and Frontier duties of Sayer Revenue both under "Sundry Accounts Dr to Profit and Loss of the Revenue Department" and Cash Dr to Sundry Accounts" is omitted in consequence of the Betel and Tobacco being rented, and the Accounts furnished by the Renters not specifying with the least correctness the amount of monthly collections; and further because their returns, when furnished, are never forwarded in due time from these farms being under rented in very small subdivisions.—

Madura
16th January 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 17

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request to be informed
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if you would wish for a remittance of one or one and a half lacs of rupees from the Madura treasury in event of treasure being forwarded during next month from Trinevelly, as I am privately given to understand is intended?

During next Month or earlier I purpose drawing upon you for a Lac of rupees in favor of the Register of the Sudr Udalut, surplus of the Shivagunga assets; and I shall probably invest more than two lacs of rupees in the Bengal Loan on behalf of the Minor heiress of Ramnad, being the amount of Motirpha recently ordered to be paid by Government in adjustment of the claims of that estate.-

Madura }
16 January 1841 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 33

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

As instructed in your letter, No. 104, of the 10th June last I have the honor to forward a letter of advice for Companys Rupees One Lac, in favor of the Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut, being surplus funds of the assumed Zemindary of Shivagunga for fusly 1249, for investment in the 4 per Cent Loan, in name of the above officer, for the time being, for the benefit of the successful claimant to the Zemindary in question in the case now before the Queen in Council.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura }
25th January 1841 }

No. 60. Exchange for Company's Rupees - - 1,00000 -

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Having received from Mr. John Blackburne, Principal collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One Lac, to be paid, at Madras, to the Register of the Sudr Udalut, I request you will, at sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One Lac to the Register to the Sudr Udalut, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura 25th January 1041 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 69. Exchange for Company's Rupees - - 3 - -

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Having received from Panoomachore Rama-sawmy Rajah, the sum of Compy's Rs. Three, to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Three, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura 27th January 1041 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 46.

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

1 - I was extremely sorry to learn from your letter

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of the 20th Ultimo, received last night, that the explanation afforded in mine of the 17th of the same month for omission of certain particulars in my accounts was "unsatisfactory" and to receive your commands to exhibit the items "distinctly according to the practice of all other collectors".-

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2. I have no accounts of any other Collector to refer to, I do not know if any of their Sayer Collections are realized by rent, and I have no authority to correspond with them on the subject, so that your instructions are a command to do what I endeavored to shew you I could not do without falsifying my accounts -

3. I will endeavor once more to make you comprehend the difficulty I feel that if there is any one Collector in the same predicament as my self you may shew me how he has been enabled to comply with your wishes, since the means he has adopted has met your approbation.- The Betel and tobacco customs form a portion of what comes under the general denomination of Sayer duties.- they afford an inland duty, a Town duty or a frontier duty, as the case may be.- They are not collected here by means of the Government servants, or as is commonly called under Amany, but are rented, and not specifically, but together, and the amount of rent is paid in several specific instalments.- Is it possible for me to say with certainty or probability, what amount is collected in each month, under each specific head? The renters sub rent to others in a similar way - is it possible for them to render me a specific return that I can rely on? Consider the date on which you command the receipt of my monthly accounts, and consider the date on which you actually

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receive them. - Is it probable the renter's returns of specification could be correct, if sent sufficiently early to enable me to forward mine in the period within which I always do? - It is not uncommon for the subrenters in the first degree to subrent to others in a second degree, who, themselves unable to read or write, collect through relations & servants as illiterate as themselves. - If my first question should be summarily answered in the affirmative, will not these facts make a man doubt his first hasty judgement &c.

4. - The duties on cloths & other articles are collected by Government servants, and there would, therefore, be no difficulty in the specification of them that you so peremptorily require except in the totals which could not be made in the absence of specification of the other Items of Sayer. -

5. There are two ways by which it seems to me your wishes may in another fusly be attained - visit by collecting all the duties direct by Government servants; or secondly by renting each portion of each head separately; but as I apprehend either of these courses would involve the loss of a somewhat considerable amount of revenue I could not follow them till you procured me the authority of the Board of Revenue. -

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2d February 1814

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector.

No. 70. Exchange for Company's Rupees 700. -

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson the sum of Company's Rupees seven hundred to bee paid, at

at Madras, to Mr R. C. Cole, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees seven hundred to Mr R. C. Cole, but not to his order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
5th February 1841 }

No 71 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . 300 . .

To The Accountant General
Fort St George.

D Sir,

Having received from Mr J. J. Franklin, in charge of the Manar Survey, the sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Mess.rs Hall Bainbridge & Co, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid,) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred to Mess.rs Hall Bainbridge & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
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5th February 1841 }

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To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

D I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo giving cover to original vouchers in support of the sum of Company's Rupees 238. 11. 4, paid by the Sub Treasurer to Lieutenant J. H. Jenkins, on account of his Civil Salary for the period he was in charge of the R works at Pamben, and to state the above mentioned sum shall be credited to the head of "General Treasury at Fort St George" in my account for the current month. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

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No. 72. Exchange for Company's Rupees. ... 150 ...

To, The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J. Blackburne, Princl. Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and fifty to be paid, at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will, at sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and fifty to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government bank, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura
11th February 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 60.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Hearing nothing further of the Expected remittance from Tinnevelly to the Presidency I have this day addressed the Officer Commanding the Southern Dn. of the Army, requesting an escort may be ready here on the 5th proximo, to take charge of 4½, or possibly, 5 lacs of rupees.

Madura
12th February 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 67

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Acct. General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that page 200 of the Adjustment and closing entries for 1839/40 have

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been altered to 199 in my Office Copy and in the Duplicate journals, as also in my Office copy of Ledger for the above year, as directed in your letter of the 8th instant.

Madura 15th February 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 69

The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office Fort St. George—

Sir,

With reference to the instructions of your letters of the 9th Ultimo, and 5th Instant, I have the honor to forward a revised Demand Sheet of Journal from 1st to 11th July last, debiting the Excess Kists of the Kullymunthai Moottah to "Permanently settled Land Revenue Current" under the entry of "Sundry Accounts Dr. to Profit and Loss of the Revenue Department", together with a Memorandum of Alterations in the Progressive Abstract from 1st to 11th July, and from 12th to 31st July—August and September last—and I beg to be informed if they meet your approval—I have likewise the honor to return the Duplicate Journal from December 1839 to April 1840 with the necessary Correction.—

Madura Dindigal 20th Feby. 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 74

The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 19th Instant I beg to express my sorrow that the draft payable to Mr.

Mr R. C. Cole differed from the letter of advice, which stated it to have been payable to Mr C. R. Cole. - The office copies are correct and agree in every respect; the error in the letter of advice was the neglect or over-sight of the copyist, and I hope a similar one may not soon occur again. -

Madura
Mylore 26th February 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

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The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to annex a Register of acknowledgement granted by me, this day, to J. Blackburne Esqre, Principal Collector of Madura for the time being, on behalf of the Minor Proprietrix of Ramnad Zemindary, for subscription of the sum of Company's Rupees 200,000 to the 4 per cent loan now open. -

Madura
26th February 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Despd. 1st March -

Daily Register of acknowledgement granted by the Principal Collector of Madura to the 4 p Cent Loan opened under the advertisement of the Supreme Government dated 16th Septr. and republished in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 17th October 1835. -

Number of the Certificate	Date	In whose favor granted	Amount paid into the Princl. Collector's Treasury	Amount for which the Promissory note is to be paid	
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6.	Feby 26th	J. Blackburne Esqre Princl. Collr. of Madura for the time being	200,000.	200,000.	
Despd. 1st	March		Madura 26th E. E.	February Pr. (Signed)	1841. J. Blackburne Collr.

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No. 6. Madura 26th February 1841.

I hereby acknowledge that J. Blackburne Esqre, Principal Collector of Madura for the time being, on behalf of the Minor Proprietrix of Ramnad Zemindary, has this day paid into the East India Company's Treasury the sum of Company's Rupees 200,000, Two lacs, for which he is entitled to receive a Promissory note, bearing interest from 31st March next, of the tenor and subject to the conditions specified in the advertisement published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 3d October 1835, and intermediately the same interest from the date of this acknowledgement to the 31st March 1841.-

D (Signed) J. Blackburne
Company's Rs. 200,000 Princl. Collr.

Madura 26th February 1841.

D Received from the Principal Collector of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (723.4.7) seven hundred and twenty three, anas four and pice seven being the amount of anticipated interest from 26th February to 31st March 1841 being 33 days at 4 per cent pr annum.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

D Received a Promissory note in lieu of this acknowledgement in my name for the same amount with interest payable at Madura.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 73 Exchange for Company's Rupees.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

D Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson the sum of Company's rupees two hundred and fifty, to be paid at

at Madras, to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Companys rupees two hundred and fifty to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from: -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madras }
4th March 1841 }

No. 73 Exchange for Companys Rupees - - 250 - 0 - 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson the sum of Companys Rupees two hundred and fifty, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Companys rupees two hundred & fifty to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madras }
4th March 1841 }

No. 74 Exchange for Companys Rupees - - 50 - 0 - 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson the sum of Companys rupees fifty, to be paid, at Madras to Messrs. Bruce & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Companys rupees fifty to Messrs. Bruce & Co.

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but not to their order, as per advice from -

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne
4th March 1841 Principal Collector

No. 010

To The Accountant General
Fort S. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo, accompanied by three original Bills of Salary and allowances, paid at the Presidency, to Mr. A. M. Owen as Head Assistant Collector of Madura -

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Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne
5th March 1841 Princl. Collector

No. 75. Exchange for Company's Rupees 200 - -

To The Accountant General
Fort S. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. C. T. Arbuthnot, the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred to be paid at Madras, to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's rupees Two hundred to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from -

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Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne
9th March 1841 Princl. Collr.

No. 76. Exchange for Company's Rupees 6 . 0 . 0

To The Accountant General
Fort S. George

Sir,

Having received from Audyappa Chetty the sum of

of Company's Rupees Sx to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees Sx to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura
9th March 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 95

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your receipt, No. 036 dated the 9th Instant for Company's Rupees 200,000 Two Lacs.-

Madura
Mey Corr 14th March 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 96

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Inclosed is a draft upon you, and annexed is copy of a letter in which it was inclosed to me. I have the honor to request your acceptance of it and to inform me under what head it is to be debited.-

Madura
Mey Corr 14th March 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 97 Exchange for Company's Rupees 1600-0

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr J Blackburne, Principal

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Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One thousand and six hundred to be paid at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will, at sight of D this my first bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's rupees One thousand and six hundred to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government bank, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura 15th March 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector
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No 101

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir, Agreeably to the directions contained in D your letter of the 25th January last I have this day dispatched to the General Treasury at the Presidency in charge of a guard Commanded by Lieutenant A. Donald of the 5th Regiment N. I. the sum of Company's Rupees 5,0,0000, Five lacs, as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed.

The escort from Palamcottay arrived here on the 13th and left it this day for the Presidency -

(Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

Madura 15th March 1841 }

No 122

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

D Sir, In answer to your letter of the 19th Instant I have the honor to inform you the difference of Rupees 35.. has been entered in the Account Current of the Post Master General

General for October as per subjoined memo. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

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Surplus charges for July as entered in journal for August 1840	209 - 4 - 7
Do. for do. as entered in the Post Master Generals Account Current for August	174 - 4 - 7
Difference less in the Post Office Accounts	35 - 0 - 0
Surplus charges for September as entered in journal for October	208 . 7 - 6
Do. for do. as entered in the Post Masters Generals account current for the same month	243 . 7 . 6
Difference more in the Post Office Accounts	35 - 0 0

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 126

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive, this day, the five original vouchers inclosed in your letter of the 27 Ultimo. -

Madura
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2d. April 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 710. Exchange for Company's Rupees 300 - -

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. G. J. Arbuthnot the sum of Company's Rupees three hundred to be paid at Madras, to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred

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Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura
Manaphar } (Signed) J. Blackburne
5th April 1841. Princl Collector

No 79 Exchange for Company's Rupees. 12 - - -
To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir, Having received from Mr C. T. Arbuthnot the sum of Company's Rupees twelve to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to Government in the Public department, I request you will, at sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Twelve to the Secretary to Government in the public department, but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura
Manaphar } (Signed) J. Blackburne
5th April 1841. Princl Collector

No 80 Exchange for Company's Rupees 200 - - -
To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir, Having received from Mr Robert Davidson the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred to be paid at Madras, to Messrs Griffiths & Co, I request you will, at ten days after the sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred to Messrs Griffiths & Co, but not to their Order, as per advice from

Madura
Manaphar } (Signed) J. Blackburne
5th April 1841. Princl Collr

No 81 Exchange for Company's Rupees 200 - - -
To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir, Having received from Mr Robert Davidson the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs Binny & Co, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not

not being paid, / pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred to Messrs. Binny & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from -

Madura
Manaphari
5th April 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 112. Exchange for Company's Rupees 2000 -

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J. Horsley the sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand, to be paid at Madras to Messrs. Binny & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand to Messrs. Binny & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura
12th April 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 140.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular (No. 5076) of the 16th Instant.-

Madura
20th April 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 153.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your Circular of the 24th Instant, accompanied by forms No. 1 and 2 of the statements of temporary allowances in money or in land granted to Individuals, in the Political department, I have the honor to inform you that no such allowances are paid in this Collectorate -

Madura
27th April 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

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No 1 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . . . 200 . 0 .

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr Robert Davidson the sum of Company's rupees two hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs Griffiths & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's rupees two hundred to Messrs Griffiths and Co. but not to their order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
4th May 1841

No 2 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . . 183 . 0 . 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr Robert Davidson the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Eighty three to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs Parry & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said sum of Company's rupees One hundred and Eighty three to Messrs Parry & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura
4th May 1841

No 3 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . . 162 . 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr Robert Davidson

Davidson the sum of Companys Rupees One hundred and sixty two to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys Rupees One hundred and sixty two to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from. –

Madura }
4th May 1841 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 4 Exchange for Companys Rupees – – 100. 0. 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson the sum of Companys Rupees One hundred to be paid, at Madras, to J. H. Davidson Esqre., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys Rupees to J. H. Davidson Esqre., but not to his order, as per advice from. –

Madura }
4th May 1841 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 5 Exchange for Companys Rupees 93. 14. 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot the sum of Companys Rupees Ninety three and Anas fourteen to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys Rupees Ninety three and

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Anas fourteen to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., but not to their order; as per advice from.–

Madura 8th May 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 164

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th instant I have the honor to annex a Memorandum of sums adjusted in my accounts for salary to Lieutenant A. DeButts, Assistant Civil Engineer of the 8th Division.–

Collectorate of Rajamundry

In June 1839 – For December 1838 and January 1839 @ Rupees 200	400. 0. 0	

Collectorate of Vizagapatam

In June 1839. From 6 June to 30th November 1838 and from 1st February to 4th April 1839 @ 200 Rupees	1593. 5. 4	1993. 5. 4
In June 1839. From 5th April to 31st May @ 100 Rupees	106. 10. 8	
In August. for June	100 0 0	
September – " July	100 0 0	
October – " August	100 0 0	
November – " September	100 0 0	
December – to 10th October	32. 4. 1	618. 14. [illegible]
Total Rupees two thousand six hundred and twelve, Anas four, and pice one		2612. 4. [illegible]

Madura 11th May 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 166

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a bill upon you for

for Rupees 00, drawn by the Collector of Midnapore, under date the 10 March last, and request you will be so good as to accept, if you think proper, and return it to me —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
13 May 1841

No. 168

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In calling to your notice my letter of the 21st of last May, nearly a year ago, and which has not yet elicited any answer, I have the honor to request authority to cease to enter in my constantly recurring accounts the advice of a draft granted 66 months ago in favor of Mr. Heath —

At the same time I will request your instructions how long I am to consider a letter of advice in force as authority for payment of a bill long in being presented, supposing always there is no other cause to raise my suspicion of the correctness of the transaction —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
14th May 1841 —

No. 7. Exchange for Companys Rupees 70-0-0

To, The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J. Blackburne, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Seventy to be paid, at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government bank, I request you will, at sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor

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date not being paid/, pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Seventy to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per his advice from -

Madura Thirroomungalom 25th May 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 102

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a memo: shewing the probable Receipts and disbursements, and the expected Balance on the 1st of each month from June to December next as desired in your letter of the 19 instant -

The Collector of Tinnevelly has intimated to me his intention to make a remittance to the Presidency on the 15. Proximo, and I shall endeavour to make a remittance of Rupees 200,000 at the same time -

Madura 29th May 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 6 Exchange for Company's Rupees 1820 - o -

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J Blackburne, Princl. Collector of Madura, the sum of company's rupees One thousand Eight hundred and twenty to be paid, at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government bank, I request you will, at sight of this my first bill /the second of the same tenor and date not being paid/, pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One thousand Eight hundred & twenty to the Superintendent & Treasurer of the Government bank, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura 1st May 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 8 Exchange for Companys Rupees ——— 200 . 0 . 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J. Gill the sum of Companys Rupees two hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Binny & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Companys Rupees two hundred to Messrs. Binny & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from –

Madura
5th June 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 9 Exchange for Companys Rupees ——— 368 . 5 . 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. C. J. Arbuthnot the sum of Companys Rupees three hundred and sixty eight and Anas five to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Companys Rupees three hundred & sixty eight & anas five to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from –

Madura
5th June 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 199

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me whether the sum of Rupees 376 . 5 . 6 paid in the

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General Treasury by Mr. W. H. J. Mason, on account of Mr. P. Irvine's retrenchment, is exclusive of his subscription to the Civil fund or inclusive, to enable me to make the necessary adjustment in my accounts –

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With respect to the 2d item of Rupees 125.4 refunded by Lieutenant C. C. Johnston of the Engineers, the letters alluded to are not forthcoming in my records and I am not aware to what period his allowances were overdrawn by him –

Chaderva 15 June 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 207

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir

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Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 19 instant, I have, this day, despatched to the General treasury at the Presidency, in charge of a guard, commanded by Lieutenant A. Armstrong of the 5th Regiment N. I., the sum of Company's rupees /100000/ One lac, as per triplicate invoice enclosed

The escort from Palamcotah arrived here this day & will leave [illegible] on the 28th for the Presidency –

Chaderva 26 June 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 27

To The Accountant in the Revenue department of the Accountant General's Office Fort St. George

D Sir

I have the honor to forward my Journals for May, exhibiting the opening entries for 1841/42 as directed

directed in the Accountant General's letter of the 26th ultimo, received yesterday. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
2d. July 1841 }

No. 10 Exchange for Company's Rupees ——— 100. —

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Lieutenant J. A. Jenkins the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to be paid at Madras, to Messrs. Parry & Co., I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to Messrs. Parry & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from: —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
5th July 1841 }

No. 11 Exchange for Company's Rupees ——— 100. —

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Lieutenant J. A. Jenkins the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Dunhill & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to Messrs. Dunhill & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from: —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
5th July 1841 }

No. 226

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Your Circular of the 30th Ultimo on the subject

subject of posting bearers did not reach me till the 5th Instant

In answer to a Circular on the same subject from the Post Master General I did not fail to shew, under date the 10th January 1839, the difficulties that opposed his wishes as well on the score of extraordinary expense that would be incurred in one or many Collectorates by neglect or impossibility to comply with ill considered requisitions in one; - & which it remained to be settled if it should be met by the traveller or by Government, or if the Collectorate post master should be responsible, - And secondly on the score of adjustment of the accounts -

2 - In the 2nd para. of your letter you lay down a general rule for crediting to different officers the portions of hire they are to pay for a traveller starting from hence to a distance & paying hire in advance, and require me to apportion such sums respectively. - As my information extends only to my own Collectorate I am unable to do so without detailed instructions. -

3 In the 3d para: you require me to make all necessary subsidiary arrangements. - for the same above named reason that I am unacquainted with the details of other Collectorates I cannot undertake it without detailed instructions from those who have the power to call for information and digest a plan to meet such difficulties as may occur in the following examples -

A orders me to post four sets of bearers with 8 Cavady coolies to carry him post to Nagpore by Madras and Hydrabad, (for the sake of example). Calculating the number of miles, I receive in advance from the traveller my demand. At Cuddalore all bearers have been pre engaged, and are kept on the road for the Right Honorable the Governor or for some military exigences - All the rest of the route they have been duly laid & kept for the traveller three days and recalled - I address the traveller

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to pay the batta bills - he naturally declines and in addition requires remuneration from me for his disappointment. -

Again, when he arrives at Hydrabad / still for the sake of Example / he finds Cavady coolies are not in use, but double the number to carry loads on the head are provided for him - They cannot by any means keep pace with the palanquin - He will not travel without them and goes only 2/3rd of postingrate per diem - All the bearers in advance require batta, those nearest his journey's end have been withdrawn because of the lapse of 3 days in his non arrival -

4. - In my mind it is impossible for each Collector, acting independently, to give effect to yours and the Governments wishes, & the only way to effect it is for one controlling authority to lay down instructions in detail for all.

Again; The bearers in the Hydrabad country were not formerly subject to Madras rates of hire - If they are so now, I know not: neither are they to be found at each station - After making my communication to the Post master at Hydrabad I find that using his discretion for the accommodation of the traveller in unforeseen difficulty of refusal of the Nizam's bearers to do their duty, he has called a sufficient number from Masulipatam, Vizagapatam &ca / still for the sake of Example /, and to my demand on the traveller for this enormous bill of batta he declines paying, saying he gave at first the just hire for which he understood the Government had undertaken to convey him to his destination; and he cannot be responsible for the want of arrangement and information on the part of the Government officer. -

Madura }
7th July 1841 } ..

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

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The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

In my letter to you of the 7th Instant, on the subject of posting bearers on requisition I omitted to refer you for further particulars of the difficulties that occurred to me in acceding to your wishes to a letter I had the honor to address the Board of Revenue on the same subject under date the 11th June 1840 & which I now beg to amend.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
21st July 1841

No 252

To The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th Instant I have the honor to forward a Statement of temporary allowance in money granted to Individuals as per form No. 1 received with your Circular of the 24th April last.— In consequence of no allowance being granted in Land in this Collectorate, Statement, No. 2, is not forwarded.

It is usual to renew sanction for continuance of allowances to heirs of deceased Jemadars and other Pensioners. Some of their allowances are eventually reduced and a few continued in full according to the circumstances of the case.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
21st July 1841

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No. 12. Exchange for Company's Rupees ——————— 120 . 0 . 0

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Lieutenant T. A. Jenkins the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and twenty, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Hall & Philips, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and twenty to Messrs. Hall & Philips, but not to their order, as per advice from -

Madura }
9th August 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 13. Exchange for Company's Rupees ——————— 80 . 0 . 0

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Lieutenant T. A. Jenkins the sum of Company's Rupees Eighty, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Ashton, Richardson & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Eighty to Messrs. Ashton, Richard-son & Co.; but not to their order, as per advice from -

Madura }
9 August 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

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No. 15 Exchange for Company Rupees 100

To The Accountant General
Sir, Fort St. George

Having received from Lieut. T. A. Jenkins the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred to be paid at Madras to Messrs. Mathew Dunhill & Co. I request You will at 10 days after sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Compy. Rupees one hundred to Messrs. Mathew Dunhill & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from —

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Madras 4th September 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
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No. 16 Exchange for Company's Rupees 100...

To The Accountant General

Sir, Fort St. George

Having received from Lieutt. S. A. Jenkins the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred to be paid at Madras to Messrs. Frank & Co. I request you will at two days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Compy's. Rupees one hundred to Messrs. Frank & Co. but not to their order as per advice from ...

Madura
4 Septr.
1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Coll.

No. 293

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to retransmit the Journal for June last in which the adjustment as directed in the Accountant General's letter of the 11th Instant is omitted; it was introduced into the Journal with reference to the Remarks in the Memo: of adjustment of my accounts from May to October 1840, received from your Office in June —

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
19th August 1841

No. 293

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 7th Ultimo I have the honor to apprize you that the remittance of 100,000 of Rupees from the Collector's Treasury at Tinnevelly arrived on the 30th Ultimo —

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
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3d. September 1841

No. 14 Exchange for Company's Rupees —— 650 - 0 - 0

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. R. Davidson the sum of Company's Rupees Six hundred & fifty to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. G. Gordon & Co.

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I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Six hundred & fifty to Messrs. G. Gordon & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura 3^d September 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princ^l. Coll^r.

No. 17. Exchange for Company's Rupees —— 132-4-0

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J. Gill the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and thirty two and Anas four to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Griffiths & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One hundred & thirty two & Anas four to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from.

Madura 8th September 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princ^l. Coll^r.

No. 304.

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

I regret to inform you that 2 bills, granted on the 4th instant, whilst on Circuit, for 100 Rs. each, one in favor of Messrs. Matthew Dunhill & Co.; and the other in favor of Messrs. Franck & Co., were not numbered, and no letter of advice was sent to your Office; and

subsequently

Subsequently a bill for Rupees 132. 4. 0, in favor of Mess. Griffiths & Co, was given as No 15. I request, therefore, you will be so good as to substitute the accompanying letter of advice, causing the Bills to be numbered as specified in it, and return me the one sent to you on the 8th Instt.

Madura
Thiruparanam
11th Septr. 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No 305.

To
The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

In conformity with the instructions of the Accountant General under date the 26th July last I have the honor to forward the draft copy of the adjustment and closing entries for the past official year 1840/41 together with my office copy of Ledger for your examination and correction.

Madura
13th September 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 306

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 6th, received on the 10th instant, calling for certain accounts "without further delay" I have the honor to inform you they have been this day despatched to the proper officer. I have further to request you will point out to me wherein there has been "any delay". In doing so I request you will be so good as to look at the various accounts

furnished

furnished to your Office between the 26th July & this period and to learn, by communication with the Civil Auditor and Board of Revenue, what accounts &ca have been furnished by me to them within the same period, and if you are still of opinion there has been delay I request you will be so good as to state at large your reasons for thinking so, that I may submit them with an indent for additional establishment to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

Madura
13th September 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 18 Exchange for Company's Rupees 340-0-0

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr F. Copleston the sum of Company's rupees three hundred and forty to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs Hall Bainbridge & Co, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Compys Rupees three hundred and forty to Messrs Hall Bainbridge & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from :-

Madura
16th September 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

No 19 Exchange for Company's Rupees —— 340-0-0

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. F. Copleston the sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred & forty, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Hall & Bainbridge & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's rupees Three hundred & forty to Messrs. Hall & Bainbridge & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from -

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Madura
2 October 1841.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 323

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a revised Abstract of Collections and Disbursements for Fusly 1250, exclusive of Charges from 1st to 11 July 1840, as directed in the Accountant General's letter of the 7 Instt.

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Madura
23 September 1841.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 20 Exchange for Company's Rupees —— 100-00

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Lieutenant J. A. Jenkins the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Hall & Philips, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this

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this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to Mess.rs Hall & Philips, but not to their order as per advice from

Madura
4th October 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 21 Exchange for Company's Rupees ——— 100 — 0

To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Having received from Lieutenant J. A. Jenkins the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Mess.rs Dunhill & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to Mess.rs Dunhill & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura
4th October 1841 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 22 Exchange for Company's Rupees 325 — —

To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. V. A. Loverge, the sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and Twenty five, to be paid at Madras, to Mess.rs Hall & Bainbridge, I request you will, at 10 days after sight of this my first bill, (the Second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Co.'s Rs. three hundred & twenty five to Mess.rs Hall & Bainbridge, but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura 6th October 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburn
Prl. Collr.

No. 349

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To The Accountant General
Sir, Fort Saint George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 2 original vouchers for Company's Rupees 146-6-1, being amount drawn by Mr V. Levinge on account of his Salary &c. from 20th to 31st July 1841, as Assistant in this Collectorate.

Madura Cottampetty } (Signed) J. Blackburne
11th October 1841. } Principal Collr.

No. 350

To The Accountant General
Sir, Fort Saint George

In answer to the last para. of your letter of the 4th Instant I have the honor to inform you the sum of Company's Rupees 2,489-15-4, credited under the Head of "Advances of repairs of Tanks and Watercourses," in which Rupees 23-11-, credited in March 1841, is the only sum refunded on account of disbursements made for Repairs of Tanks & Watercourses subsequent to 1st November last, & the remainder, Rupees 2466-4-4, are recoveries of advances previous to that date, as credited in the Months of December 1840 & January & February 1841.

Madura Cottampetty } (Signed) J. Blackburne
11th October 1841. } Principal Collector

No. 23 Exchange for Company's Rupees 2300-,-

To The Accountant General
Sir, Fort Saint George

Having received from Mr J. Blackburne, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand & three hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to the Supdt. & Treasurer of the Govt. Bank, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor & date not being paid,) pay the said sum of C.Rs. Two thousand & three hundred to the Supdt. & Treasurer of the Govt. Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from

Madura 16th October 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne

No 370.

To

The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you that the remittance of One lac of rupees from the Collectors treasury at Tinnevelly has arrived this day.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 2d. Novr. 1841.

No 24 Exchange for Companys Rupees 340-0-0

To

The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. F. Copleston the sum of Companys rupees Three hundred & forty to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys rupees Three hundred & forty to Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura
2d. November 1841 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No 25 Exchange for Companys Rupees 200-0-0

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Lieutenant J. A. Jenkins the sum of Companys Rupees Two hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Hall & Philips, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Companys Rupees Two hundred to Messrs. Hall & Philips,

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but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura (Signed) J Blackburne
8th November 1841 } Princl. Collr.

No. 26 Exchange for Company's Rupees —— 100 - o

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Lieutenant W. H. Horsley the sum of Company's rupees Seven hundred to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. J. Barrow & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid,) pay the said sum of Company's rupees Seven hundred to Messrs. J. Barrow & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from -

Madura (Signed) J Blackburne
23d. November 1841 } Princl. Collr.

No. 27 Exchange for Company's Rupees —— 95. o

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. F. Copleston the sum of Company's Rupees Ninety five to be paid, at Madras to Messrs. Binny & Co, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid,) pay the said sum of Company's rupees Ninety five to Messrs. Binny & Co but not to their order, as per advice from -

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne
23d November 1841 } Princl. Collr.

No. 400.

The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Acctt. General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am sorry to inform you that an error in numbering the heads of the Journal for last month has been accidentally made from too great exertions to keep its despatch within due time; & I request you will therefore be good enough to correct it as follows.—

44 Advances of Salt Manufacture
45. Interest Account
45 Government Savings bank
46 Principal Collector of Salem
46 Arrears of General Charges.
47. Arrears of Judicial Charges.
47. Collector of Vizagapatam.
48. Collector of Rajamundry.

Madura 24th Novr. 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

No. 28 Exchange for Company's Rupees —— 340-0-0.

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Mr. F. Copleston, the Sum of Company's Rupees three hundred and forty to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and forty to Messrs. Hall Bainbridge & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from —

Madura
1st Decr. 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Sir Fort St. George

Agreeably to the instructions contained in the Accountant Generals letter of the 30th Ultimo, received on the 6th Instant, I have the honor to forward 3 Separate Statements of Pensions &ca paid for the Official year 1839/40 as per Form therein Sent.

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Madura
16th Decr 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

The Accountant General
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th Instant and in reply I beg to say that considering the favorable state of the season I expect an increase of 50,000 Rupees in the Item of Land Revenue, which, however, may not be reali=zed so variable is season I find no reason for alteration in any other Item either in the Receipts or Disbursements in the regular estimate for the Official year 1841/42—

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Madura
Sayelgoody 20th Decr 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

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No 29 Exchange for Company's Rupees
The Accountant General
Sir Fort St. George

Having received from Lieut W. H. Horsley Acting Civil Engr 8th Division, the Sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and fifty to be paid at Madras to Messrs J. Barraw & Co I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and fifty to Messrs J. Barraw & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

23d Decr 1841

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No. 1

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Sir,

With reference to the 3d para: of your letter of the 24th November 1836 I have the honor to forward a Statement of wastage for each Platform for the Current year in Conformity with the 15th of the Salt rules.

Madura Tondi 3d Jany 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 2.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Sir,

I have the honor to inform you there are no returns for last month for the following Statements

Quarterly return of revenue defaulters confined in Jail up to 31st December.
Report of Casualties and of revenue defaulters relea[sed]
Salt Confiscated.
Goods Confiscated.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 8th Jany 1841.

No. 3.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Sir,

I have the honor to return the report and settlement statements of the Sub Collector for fusly 1249, the necessary alterations having been made for exclusion of the revenue of Kullymunthei Moottah from the "Ryatwa[ry] settlement", and its inclusion under the head of "Permanently settled."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 14th Jany 1841.

No. 4.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

The Salt on hand being sufficient to meet

the demand, I felt obliged to discontinue any manufacture last year in the pans of Sholiacoody and Egundancoody, but as the Nunja and Punja Cultivation of those ryots has been less than usual from want of rain, I have the honor to request authority to make an advance of rupees 513 to the former and of rupees 481.8.. to the latter, total Rs. 994.8.. which will be recovered from the price cost of salt under manufacture by them for the current year, to alleviate their present great distress. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.
Madura 14th Jany. 1841.

No. 5.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Every house in the Cusbah of Nellacotay has been burned down with exception of the talook Cutcherry. Application has been made by the talook servants for advances to enable them to rebuild with tiles:– I beg strongly to urge that I may have a general authority to make them, and all other servants wishing to replace thatch by tiles, an advance of not exceeding 4 months pay, recoverable by monthly instalments of one half.

Madura 15th Jany. 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 6.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg leave to report the decease, on the 10th instant, of Boodoo-gooroo-sawmy-paria-Odia-thaver, ex zemindar of Shevagunga, of Anthrax or as popularly called Rajah boil; he has no issue but has left behind him four widows, the right of succession is claimed by his next brother, Gowra Vullabha Thaver, aged 19 years, who is also without issue, but his only wife is now pregnant; and by an address dated

the 9th instant I find the deceased also made a will in favor of this brother:- he has also left one other brother a boy of 13 years of age, named Namasivoya thaven, two sisters names unknown -

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 16th Jany 1841.

No. 7

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue - Fort St George -

Sir,

I request you will be so good as to bring to the Board's particular notice that the Statement of Demand Collection and Balance for last month is necessarily delayed as was the case for November from no notice being taken of my application of the 9th Ultimo for printed forms:- I take the liberty of pressing an early compliance with my request as it is very difficult for my Establishment to keep up the current business when arrears have once been allowed to accumulate

Madura 16th Jany 1841 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 8

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St George

Sir,

In the list of works forwarded with my letter of the 17th January 1839 to be defrayed from the surplus revenues of the respective pagodas &c I strongly recommended a monthly outlay of 40 rupees for 4 pairs of bullocks, and of 50 rupees for Masons Chunam &c for drainage of the Mausee Veedhi street in the fort of Madura, 2 Miles and 55 yards long by 17 broad. It is the street thro' which the immense Cars are annually drawn once, and up to the present moment is not quite half completed. It proves of great utility, even greater than I anticipated, and I beg sanction to expend an additional 50 rupees a month on the work as the superintendance of the whole may be easily undertaken without

-ditional Expense - The funds of the pagoda are abundant -

Madura 16th Jany 1841 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 9

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

A Substantial terraced Chuttrom having been erected by subscription for the accommodation of travellers at a junction of 2 great roads, at Palkanooth with the one to Pylney and thence to Coimbatore or Palghat on the spot bordered by a hilly jungle in the Pollipets of Viropatche and Ediacotay, I have the honor with reference to Section X Regulation XI of 1816, to request sanction for granting land to amount of 80 rupees per annum, as described in the inclosed Memorandum for the support of 3 Cavolgars - D

I have made this address in compliance with the desire of the Sub Collector, and beg leave to add my own opinion of its desirability, but, as in all other similar cases, I should recommend an allowance in money in preference to allotment of the tax of land -

Madura 18th Jany 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 10

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In returning Petition No. 1824 of 1840, bearing the Board's indorsement of the 7th December, and received by me on the 17th instant, I have the honor to report that the petitioner has had no possession of the land claimed for upwards of 20 years, and the defendants deny his right, under which circumstance I could not in any way interfere, as I informed his commanding officer on the 9th March 1840, and copy of which letter I beg to forward for the satisfaction of the Board - D

Madura
19th Jany 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 11

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Sir,

The disgraceful extremities to which neglected boundary disputes have led in this Zillah induces me to request you will bring to the special notice of the Board of Revenue the correspondence I had the honor to submit to them under date the 7th November last respecting the boundary in dispute between the villages of Sekkara .. goody in Tinnevelly and Poovany in this Collectorate —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Collr

Madura 19th Jany 1841 -

No. 12

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To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In returning Petition No. 1836 of 1840, bearing the Board's indorsement of the 4th, and received by me on the 17th instant, I have the honor to report that the opening of 206 cuts in a Channel common to petitioners and to the inhabitant of Oottampolliam, to the great detriment of the latter, caused considerable animosities between them, which it was hoped to appease by adopting the suggestion of the Civil Engineer's assistant, Mr. Francis to cut a new Channel parallel to the one in dispute, with a view to the equal division of the water, but the work was interrupted by the illegal assemblage of the petitioners in a mob, and assault upon the Civil officers, for which offence the Joint Magistrate fined four of the ringleaders 50 rupees each and 7 others 25 rupees each.

See Diary of Asst. Civil Engr. 12th Augt. 1839.

On the subsequent more orderly representation of the petitioners of the injury they suffered from the Civil Engineer's decision, the merits of the case were taken into consideration, and the Thenkurrai Tasildar's opinion that 14 new sluices should be opened was submitted for the opinion of the Civil Engineer, and during the present vacancy of that situation I entered it a few days ago in a list of works to be particularly attended to by Mr. Assistant Surveyor Marrett, who is at the moment on duty in this collectorate. Other works of greater importance require his more early attention but this will not be neglected in due time.

Non culture of part of petitioners land is attributable to an insufficient supply of water in the talook, and I fear in great measure to obstinacy on their own part under impression by this means to compel reversion to the former state of things to their benefit and their adversaries loss.

Madura 19th Jany. 1841.

Signed J. Blackburne
Collr.

N. 13.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Section XI. Regulation XIII of 1816 points out in what cases it is requisite to use stamped papers:— The Board's circular of the 12th January 1829 provides the stamp shall be afforded gratis for security bonds of servants charged with the custody of public money:— Regulation II of 1825 and VII of 1829 exempt certain documents from the necessity to be written on stamped papers.

The Boards Circular of the 27th July 1837 requires an annual scrutiny of all security bonds, and also seems to require new security bonds for each higher grade a revenue servant entrusted with the custody of public money may obtain.

3. There are 106 persons entrusted with the custody of public money in this Collectorate. It may so happen that many different persons become security in small portions for one person which would greatly increase the number of papers requisite:— I am not aware of a single instance in which it has been necessary to call upon a security during the seven years of my administration and believing any bonds would be admitted in the Courts on levy of the penalty for default of having been originally written on stamped papers, I would beg to suggest consideration if it may not be proper to extend the partial exemptions to all cases of securities from revenue Servants.

4. The practise (not invariable) of taking security on unstamped papers prevailed before I came here and I have in almost all cases continued it. tho' never failing to ascertain the competency of the securities each year and request the Board's instructions if I must proceed to amend this irregularity or not.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Collr.

Madura
21st January
1841.

No. 14.

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To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir

On receipt of your letter of the 17th September directing refund of rupees 250644. 1. 10 on account of Moturpha claimed for the Ramnad Zemindary "to the parties entitled to receive it" — I communicated the contents to the Guardian and Manager at Ramnad, and requested information of their wishes in vain:- On my visit to Ramnad at the end of last month I gave the manager my verbal opinion of the propriety of immediately investing it in Company's paper for the benefit of the heiress on attainment of her majority - The Manager urged that at least a sufficient sum should be given up to pay off a bona fide debt contracted before his being entrusted with charge of the Estate, and being aware of the general truth of the fact I intimated my readiness to take a favorable view of his wishes on being furnished with particulars of the debt in writing - Time passing on without receiving the promised statement I reminded him of his neglect of the minors interests in delaying to secure an amount of interest on this large sum; in reply to which he and the Guardian under date the 21st instant, begged me to pay them 70000 rupees for discharge of the debt, and for purchase of jewels for the Minor, but without any particularization of the sums to be set apart for the two purposes - I have given my opinion that the purchase of jewels is unnecessary and inadmissable, and have again called upon him for the promised statement of the debt, and meantime beg for approbation of my recommendation for immediate investment of all that is not necessary for payment of the debt in question (I believe about 40000 rupees) regarding

which I shall have again the honor to address you as soon as I can obtain particulars.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 26th Jany. 1841.

No. 15.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1st. From the 81st para: of Mr. Collector Hurdis' report of the 27th January 1802 it would appear the village of Ramarajahpoorem, in the talook of Madacolum was presented by the Nuwab Wallajah in fusly 1165 (A.D. 1755/56) to his Bukshee, the son of Jeevajee Pundit, and was by him presented to the Meenachee pagoda in the fort of Madura as a perpetual endowment in the name of his father, and is still styled Jeevajee Pundits Arai kuttai, the expenses of which ceremonies were 50 Chuk. a year, and the remainder (a ten years average not exceeding 509 Rupees per annum) after deduction of Rupees 31-13-7, payable annually to Government for Civil fees, was retained by the donor for his own maintenance. (I must here point out an apparent error in Mr. Hurdis' report as it would seem from the Maratta entries and other information that Jeevajee Pundit was himself the Bukshee who received the gift from the Nuwab and that he had no son at all). In the next para: and in other parts of this report Mr. Hurdis leans to the opinion that such gifts to pagodas were never meant to absorb the whole returns of the land, but that a portion was thus given up as a probable means of securing the remainder from resumption or other spoliation:— And in the 18th para: of the Boards' answer of the 3d of January 1803 the proposition to continue them to the incumbents on a Poroopoo rent, on condition of appropriating their produce to the purposes for which they

were originally alienated from the Government was approved

2. On the demise of the original incumbent the village fell in heritage to his brother's son Cunday Rāo who enjoyed it on the above terms till his death without male issue, about 20 years ago, when it fell to his daughter's son, Suckajee Rāo, who died, in 1834, without any issue; and has ever since been in possession of his widow Durga Bhaee, till her demise on the 2 instant. In her will she directed the continued payment of the Arai Kullai with a trifling increase to extent of rupees 116-10-8, the annual payment of rupees 31-13-7 for the Cavil fees, 60 rupees to her brother Dasa Pundit for maintenance in character of Superintendent, and the remainder rupees 291-7-9 for support of a Chuttrum to be established in her name in the fort of Madura. -

3. On taking into consideration Dasa Pundit's application for effect to be given to the will I am led to notice (tho' easily accounted for on supposition of concealment of the fact, or possibly a different view of Mussulman tenures) the neglect of Government to resume the alienation on the death of the original grantee Vizt Seevajee Pundit, for I am of opinion that the principle of all Mussulman alienations, like personal distinctions, are for life only unless under special exceptions, but here the Board must be made aware in Madura are several instances of such special exceptions, and they will call to recollection Mr Hurdis' inability to verify this point in consequence of the previous destruction of the deed of gift and register:- Now this being an alienation in favor of an individual, apparently for services to the state, and by him a subsequent partial alienation to a religious institution with a supposed view of thereby securing a

-tion of the original alienation to the original incumbents
posterity, it has nothing to deprive it of its appearance of
being simply a gift for life, and should therefore have been
long ago resumed. But the long enjoyment by the original
grantee and his descendents without any attempt of Govern-
ment to resume its rights, suggests the consideration if those
rights have not lapsed from long neglect; and this question
and indeed the general merits of the whole case I must beg
to submit for the opinion of the Board, premising, at the same
time, my own that the Government rights have not lapsed
because there is no reason to believe that till now the death
of any of the different incumbents have ever been brought
to the notice of Government, or possibly of their local officer:
In such cases I conceive the incumbent is at best entitled
only to a favorable consideration with respect to his circum-
stances; And in this view I would merely submit my opinion
in favor of the entire resumption of the Village and discontinu-
-ance of the Arai Kuttai ceremonies, leaving it to Government,
if they think proper, to alleviate the disappointment of the
testatrix's brother by a pension of 60 rupees per annum for life
as a free gift, but not as having any claim whatever.

Dasa Pundit is a Gomastu of six years' service in
the talook of Taudicombo on a monthly salary of 14 rupees:
and the land will be left in his possession till receipt of
instructions from the Board.

Madura 26th Jany 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 16.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt, this day,
of your Circular letter of the 18th instant, I have the
honor to forward an Indent for printed Copies of Bills
of Exchange drawn by Collectors upon the Accountant
General, as well as for letters of advice, for the Consumption
of two years 1841 & 42 on the average of the last 3 years

I have likewise the honor to enclose 2 forms - 267 / 134

Madura 29th Jany 1841 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 17.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

As directed by the Circular order of the 27th April 1827 I have the honor to forward copy of a suit filed against me, in my official capacity, in No. 432 of 1840, for recovery of rupees 42-14-11, unjustly collected on certain trees, and for future enjoyment of the same trees free of tax: - On my return to Madura I shall have the honor of submitting draft of answer and hope to obtain permission to defend the suit at expense of the assets of the Shewagunga estate in which has arisen the ground of action -

Madura Sindoopatty
5th February 1841 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 18.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you no salt or Goods were seized nor Confiscated during last Month

Madura 10th Feby 1841 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 19.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In returning petition No. 166 of 1841 I have the honor to inform you the Board's communication of the permission of Government of the 11th May 1838 to pay monthly to the Ranee Usigoo Moottoo Nachyar from the sequestered estate, the sum of 500 rupees, was duly communicated to her - She has never claimed it, and, as I understand, from the double fear that it will injure her rights to the estate, and if she accepted it, the Ex-zemindar (now no more) would also have been indulged with

a similar sum -

When the Estate was sequestered for arrears only I could have had no hesitation to obey the Board's instructions and would have paid the money, tho' not in arrears, whenever claimed - As the Estate is now kept under assumption for the Court of Sudr Udalut, it would perhaps be better to await their orders before any disbursement is made - At all events, as it has now been incidentally brought to the Boards notice, I purpose to decline paying the amount, even should it be claimed, unless I hear from them to the contrary -

(Signed) I. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 11th Feby 1841 -

No. 21 -

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 28th Ultimo, received on the 7th instant, I have the honor to forward a statement of advances made to public servants of the Kelbacottah talook for rebuilding their houses, consumed by fire, and request you will be good enough to obtain me the necessary sanction for the amount of Rupees 606 - " -

Madura 11th Feby 1841 - (Signed) I. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 23.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Mahomed Ally, holder of Yeomiah No. 70, transferred to this Collectorate from Trichinopoly by permission of the Board of Revenue dated 29th September 1825, now on leave at Trichinopoly and unable to return from extreme ill health, requests, by power of attorney to his younger brother, and adopted son, Syed Ismail, to be retransferred to that station, with which request I beg to recommend compliance: - He has received from my treasury his Yeomiah in arrears for January 1841,

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through his abovesaid Attorney, the Collector of Trichino-poly having certified his debilitated state of health

Madura 13th Feby 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr

No 24.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In returning herewith petition No 1786 of 1840 received on the 13th with your letter of the 8th Instt, I have the honor to state that of the Toty meerasy of Arenyapooram divided into 3 shares, one moiety was enjoyed by Sembatyen and others, and the other moiety was enjoyed in equal portions by Sadayen and the petitioner's husband - In 1835 the petitioner brought a complaint for the recovery of her husband's ¼ share of the whole, of which the abovesaid Sadayen was the mortgagee, and received an award to its repossession on redemption, but as this, upon her appeal, was set aside by the Board, she was in conformity with their proceedings, dated the 9th July 1838, put in possession of her share, and the mortgagee referred to the Civil Court - She now claims recovery of the other fourth share of which Sadayen (the above mortgagee) is proprietor, her claim is inadmissible -

Madura 16th Feby 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr

No 25.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

As accidents by fire are of frequent occurrence where houses are thatched, and the parties named in the accompanying list solicit advances to be refunded by stoppages of a moiety of their pay to enable them to build tiled houses, I beg to recommend their request for the favorable consideration of

of the Board (Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 16th Feby 1841 P. Collr

No. 26

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will bring to the Board's notice that among the Yeomiadars at Madura there are 10 Mahammedan women of rank, who have, up to this time, been in the habit of receiving their allowances thro' Vakeels their own near relatives, but now that I have called upon them to appoint Vakeels as prescribed by clause 4 of the Yeomia Rules, received with your letter of the 18th Ultimo, they have jointly presented a petition to effect that in consequence of their being debarred shewing themselves, no yeomiadar is willing to undertake their agency for fear of the penalty provided for in the rules in case of any deception, and requesting therefore either continuance of their allowances through their own Vakeels, or to compel one of the yeomiadars to accept their powers of attorney.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura Dindigul 20th Feby 1841 P. Collr

No. 27

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following printed forms as advised in your letters of the 18th and 25th Ultimo Viz.

Salt Rowanahs	8000
Demand Collection & Balance statements	52
Statements of items of Extra Revenue	10

Madura Sheyloor 24th Feby 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr

No. 28.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request authority to make advances to the extent of rupees 763-14-" as per annexed Memorandum to poor Cultivators whose houses have been twice destroyed by fire within the current year, and who have lost in them their seed grain &ca, recoverable in two years.

Madura Meyloor 25th Feby 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Memo: of proposed advances in Fusly 1250.

Talook	Village	Amount Rs. a. p.
Madacoolum	Anaiputty	228-10-"
	Neeratan	439-8-"
	Dhadhomputty	60-12-"
	Bodee Naigamputty	5-"-"
		733-14-"
Meyloor	Thoorrumboor	30-"-"
	Total	763-14-"

Madura Meyloor 25th Feby 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 29.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

In reference to my letters of the 24th July and 29th August, and your answers of the 3d August & 24th September, may I request you will again beg the Board to supply me with chops, since the hopes they seemed then to entertain of the early abolition of the inland duties have not been realized.

Madura 1st March 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 30.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

It was only on the 27th that I had the

honor to receive your letter of the 11th Ultimo, requiring, at my earliest convenience, a Report of the quantity of fish annually cured in this Collectorate by the application of Sea water, or Earth impregnated with Saline particles, and also my opinion if the Fisheries would be largely extended and the public benefitted by remission of tax on salt used in curing fish; and in answer I beg to state the average of the Custom returns of the 5 fuslies from 1240 to 1244 shews the annual amount of fish cured not to have exceeded 1959 Candies:- All this was cured by Sea Salt, the monopoly of retail sale of salt for which purpose was granted to a single individual to amount of about 4000 rupees per annum:- And none was cured by saline earths:- The scarcity of fish in this part of the gulph of Manar, and the difficulty of taking it, makes the remission of tax upon salt a measure of no consequence to this Collectorate-

Madura 3d March 1841- (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

No. 31.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report the death of Moottooramalinga Leckaya Naiken, Zemindar of Comauravady in Dindigul, on the 26th January last; he received Commission of 10 per Cent on the annual settlement of the Zemindary which I beg to recommend may be entered in the name of his Eldest son, and the allowance paid, during his minority, into the hands of his mother the 2d widow of the deceased-

The following is a list of the family-

1st widow Paupamaùee aged about 35 years- no issue-

2d widow Mullaka amanee aged 37 years-

Moottooveerapa Leckaya Naiken aged 13 years, heir

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to the Estate, and son by this 2d widow –

Paupamaul, aged 12 years, 1st wife of the Minor –

Paupamaul, aged 5 years, 2d wife of the Minor. –

Paupamauee, alias Ponnamaul, aged 18 years, 3d widow of the deceased, who is now pregnant, but has no issue –

Comaura Leckaya Naiken, aged 9 years, 2d son of the deceased –

Paupamaul, aged 16 years, Eldest daughter of the deceased –

Vellaya Naiken, aged 30 years, husband of the above –

Moottoo Chinnamaul, aged 14 years, 2d daughter of the deceased –

Her husband, Aundy pettan Naiken, aged 25 years –

Nullamaul, aged 11 years, 3d daughter of the deceased –

Erramaul, alias Suckarayamaul, aged 32 years, deceased's younger sister –

Her husband, Bomma Naiken, aged 45 years –

Their sons, Moottoo Alagapa Naiken, aged 11;

Nullasawmy Naiken, aged 9;

Cauma Naiken, aged 7;

Mootoovcerapa Naiken, aged 5; and, Comaura Leckoo Naiken, aged 1 year –

Paupamaul, aged about 75 years, grand mother of the deceased –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 4th March 1841 –

No. 32

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue –
Fort St. George

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Sir, I have the honor to state that no salt was seized nor confiscated during last month –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 4th March 1841 –

No. 33

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to inform you the inhabitants of Theethandathanom solicit an advance of 330 rupees to rebuild their houses, consumed by fire, and to enable them to carry on the Salt Manufacture, the amount recoverable from the purchase of their salt of the current year and I beg you will be so good as to get me the necessary sanction for its disbursement -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 6th March 1841 -

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No. 34.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, received yesterday, I have the honor to request you will call the Boards' attention to the resolution appended to their letter of the 27th April 1829, by which it would seem translation of suits filed against collectors in their official capacity was unnecessary. It is in the belief that duty is newly imposed upon me from oversight of that letter that I make the reference, because no notice is taken of it in your communication under reply -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 9th March 1841.

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No. 35.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. I beg leave to return Petition, No. 214 of 1841, bearing the Board's indorsement of the 8th March, requiring further information than could be gleaned from the Collector's indorsement to the parties of the

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28th December last. It was received yesterday, and I beg leave to report for the Boards information that the parties are liable to keep in order a portion of the avenue trees in the great road (No. 3) and decline to do it - If the Board require further information and will mark the points on which they wish it, I will endeavor to afford it. I do not comprehend what they require.

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Madura Meylore 18th March 1841 - (Signed) J Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 36

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your Circular of the 15th instant, just received, I have the honor to suggest it would add greatly to the probability of a successful trial of the American cotton seed if the Board would inform me of the nature of the soil for which it is adapted - whether for the deep black loam or for lighter inland soil or for that of the sea shore - It would also be desirable to know if it is an annual or triennial

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Madura Meylore 28th March 1841 - (Signed) J Blackburne
P. Colr

No. 37.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you there are no returns for last month for the following statements -

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Quarterly return of revenue defaulters confined in Jail up to 31st March -

Report of Casualties of revenue defaulters released

Salt confiscated -

Goods Confiscated -

Madura Thevrancoorchy 4th April 1841 - (Signed) J Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 38.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

On the 27th February I had the honor to

ceive your Letter of the 11th of the same Month with Copies of the correspondence with Bengal authorities regarding the modifications under which it has been suggested the trade in salt is in future to be permitted between that Presidency and Fort St George; and requiring me to report at what rate, with reference to the cost of its manufacture, salt can be supplied from this collectorate under prescribed forms, so as to afford a fair prospect of profit to the Merchant, and enable him to compete with importers from Bombay; and desiring the information might be afforded at my earliest convenience.

2. The four ports of this collectorate are situated on the shallow waters of the Gulf of Manar and possess few boats, and hitherto no care appears to have been given to their encouragement, and the Sea traders are few and little enterprising. only two have been found who would give the project even a momentary consideration, and they are the only men who possess a single or at most two, vessels of the class required for the export. They are two of the Maracoyers of Keelacurrai. They will not make any calculations for the future but inform me that 4 or 5 years ago they sustained great loss in the purchase of salt at Madras for 42 rupees per garce which was afterwards taken off their hands in Bengal for 72.

Should the successful opening of the Pamben passage, improvement of the shipping or other cause hereafter render it desirable, the merchants will take advantage of any rules determined on for other portions of the Coast.

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The ignorance I labor under of the terms on which Bombay trades in salt with Bengal, which is laid down as the basis of the modifications to be introduced; and my ignorance of many local terms used in the Bengal letters, and the necessity to communicate with many ill educated merchants along the coast, added to the necessity of reducing an arrear of current business that had accumulated on my recent visit to the talooks, during the last ten days must excuse the delay of my answer.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 19th April 1841.

No. 39

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Sir, I have the honor to request you will urge the Board to take into early consideration the propriety of recommending to Government to sanction the writing off Rupees 2528-4-3, appearing in the accounts as a balance against the Moottahdar of Kallimunthai for Fusly 1249, there being no such person in existence; the explanation of the apparent anomaly will be found in your letter of the 22d October, and in the 12th para. of my report on the settlement for that Fusly under date the 31st July, as altered under the Board's instructions, and despatched on the 19th December, and the request has been reiterated monthly since in the Remarks of the Statement of Demand Collection and balance, as I am very anxious to shew my statements entirely free from any balances whatever; And with the same view I would request some arrangement might be made, and instructions given to enable

me to avoid entering as a balance what in fact is not
so in each successive month –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

Madura 19th April 1841 –

No. 40

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In returning petition No. 1900 of 1840 received on the 19th instant I have the honor to request you will lay before the Board the subjoined dates of all correspondence on this subject between the Madras Govt. that of H. M. in Ceylon and this office; and as it seems one which cannot be decided on by Colonial Government in Ceylon I trust they will not require copies of the correspondence – I will therefore merely observe that on the principle laid down in the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 14th October 1831 I think the petitioner is entitled to an increase of 6 Rs. 9 as. 7 pices a month since the head of the family did succeed in obtaining an augmentation of 33 rupees from the 17th October 1839 and to be decreased in that proportion to the head of the family –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 23 April 1841 –

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Dates of Correspondence –

Principal Collector of Madura to Chief Secretary to Government dated 9th September 1831.

From Government 25th October 1831 with inclosures from Ceylon Government dated 14th of same month –

From Principal Collector of Madura to Government dated 20th August 1833 –

From Government dated 12th Novr. 1833 with Extract letter from Ceylon Government of the 25th October 1833.

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From Principal Collector of Madura to Government dated 20th February 1834.
From Government dated 15th April 1834.
From Collector of Madura to Government 31st May 1839
From Government 30th July 1839 inclosing one from Colonial Secretary dated 19th of the same Month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

No. 41.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Sir,

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returned - In obedience to the endorsement on petition No. 100 of 1841, received on the 19th with your letter of the 5th instant, I have the honor to report that to settle the dispute about diversion of water a punchayet of four persons were chosen by the two parties and one named on the part of Government, and the opinion given by 4 of them appearing to me to be just, I issued an order in accordance on the 29th Novr 1839, leaving the petitioner to bring his claim, if dissatisfied with it, in the Civil Court.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

Madura 23d April 1841.

No. 42

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

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returned - With reference to endorsement on petition No. 477 of 1840 received with your letter of the 5th on the 19th instant, I have the honor to report that the village of Tookal, claimed by petitioners, was granted in Survamanium to their ancestor by Sesavurna Pareya Odia Taver, one of the Zemindars of Shevagunga, a long time ago, for their support as watchers at the gate of the palace, and enjoyed accordingly till Fusly 1220;

and subsequently a poroopoo or quit rent of 10 fanams per Cullum seed land was fixed, and paid till fusly 1241 by the petitioners. In fusly 42 the Zemindary was assumed and as the village in question, given by the Zemindar in fusly 26, was entered in the istemeran accounts as Uen, it was also included in the assumption. Some months afterwards Boadagooroosawmy Pareya Odia Taven the Ex Zemindar lately deceased, addressed my predecessor, Mr Viveash, requesting restoration of the Village to the petitioners on score of long possession which was assented to on the 30th Decr 1832; and petitioners continued in enjoyment till fusly 44 when neglecting to attend to the duty for which the village had been given them the same Ex Zemindar reassumed it.

The petitioners addressed me on the subject and were answered by Endorsement, on the 2d April 1836, that the Zemindar having refused to restore the Village, and being in possession of it when I assumed the Zemindary in May 1837, I saw no reason to abandon it to them.

Madura 23d April 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne
P. Coll

No. 43

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In reply to your interrogatories of the 8th received on the 16th instant, I have the honor to inform you the parties therein referred to are not specially liable to keep in order a portion of the avenue trees &c and have done nothing to render themselves amenable to this forced labor and receive no remuneration for its performance.

They are amenable under the general customs of the Country, in some particular instances, from particular causes, specified:- The scale various in every village

16 depending upon extent of line or lines and on the population 281
As far as I recollect the petition, which I returned, and 141
which you have not sent me back again, the petitioners give no reason for exemption other than that they did not like to do the work—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 24th April 1841—

No. 44.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Boards' remarks on No. 3 in the Estimate of Extra Charges for the current fusly, 1250, I have the honor to request you will bring to their notice that the worn out Mercals cannot be repaired, the enclosed memo. will shew the actual average cost of each in the Tanjore Collectorate at ~ R. 10. a. 10. p. 4. c. 28.

Copy of Memo. is kept in record.

The amount to be credited on account of the old Mercals cannot be ascertained until they are called up from the Pans and sold in public auction after being replaced by new ones—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 24th April 1841—

No. 45.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of repairs &c. required to different Devastanums in this Collectorate, as brought to notice by the talook authorities in the two last quarters from 1st October 1840 to 31st Ultimo, amounting to Rupees 5975. 2. 6, and request sanction to pay them from the surplus funds of the respective institutions—

Estimate is kept in record.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 30th April 1841.

No. 46

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to state that no Salt was seized nor confiscated during last month.

Madura 6th May 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 47

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reference to your letters of the 15th March, and 5th Ultimo, and one from Captain Hughes of the 22d Ultimo, I have the honor to apprise you of the delivery of the Cotton Seed at Tondi, and beg you will be so good as to acquaint the Board that no Cultivator in this collectorate is willing to make use of it, nor will they I think be surprised when they recollect that remission is never granted for failure of Punjah produce, and when they are aware that my attempts to procure information of the nature of the soil for which it is supposed adapted, or if it is an annual or triennial, have been as unsuccessful with Captain Hughes as with themselves. And I have therefore the honor to propose that I may offer entire remission on failure of this particular seed, the due proof of which can be easily ascertained, and now demand of a return of seed, if successful; or that I may be instructed to transfer it to the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Madura Thiroomungalom
23d May 1841 (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 48

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I take the liberty to return petition

No. 621 of 1841 because from its indorsement directing a course not authorised by the Regulations, and at variance with the Boards' prohibition, as shewn in their letter of the 2d April 1838, I am induced to believe they have overlooked the circumstance of the embezzlement & charged being in a settled Zemindary –

Madura Thiroomungalom
24th May 1841 – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Coll.

No. 49.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

Sir,

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For the Tundel Meerassy of Mollumpatty in Iyempully Talook in Dindegul a land Manium of rupees 10. Ra. 10. 7 per annum is entered in the survey accounts, but the Meerassidar has never enjoyed greater portion than Rupees 3. a. 4. p. 2 but the inhabitants remunerated him by Sotuntrums, so long as their garden produce of the Village was high amounting to rupees 971 " a. 4 p. per annum, but now that it has fallen short by rupees 600. 13. 4 from scarcity of water in the Wells the villagers discontinue their Sotuntrums: his services cannot be dispensed with, he being the only servant of this description in the village, and I therefore beg to recommend, at the request of the Sub Collector, alienation of land sufficient to amount of rupees 7 – a. 6 p. 7 per annum for the sanction of the Board of Revenue –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Coll.

Madura 31st May 1841.

No. 50

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

1 – I have the honor to forward 3 Statements of biddings for the tobacco, betel and Abkarry rents for the approaching fusly 1251, the comparative

Statements are kept in record.

result of which is as follows-

		Fusly 1250 rents	Fusly 1251 Proposals	Increase	Decrease
Under the Princl. Collector	Tobacco	44900	51750	6850	
	Betel	61750	69500	7750	
	Abkarry	35470	41750	8280	
	Total	142120	165000	22880	
Under the Sub Collr.	Tobacco	17560	16504		1056
	Betel	23400	22136		1264
	Abkarry	7120	7590	470	
	Total	48080	46230	470	
	Nett decrease				1850
Total of the Districts.	Tobacco	62460	68254	5794	
	Betel	85150	91636	6486	
	Abkarry	42590	51340	8750	
		190200	211230	21030	

Nett increase is above 21030 rupees; there is an increase in every rent in the Madura district except in the betel of Meyloor, the rent of which was much raised in last year- The great increase in the Madura and Ramnad talooks is owing to the Keelakurray Marcoyers and other Merchants of Madura competing for the rents with the renters of the expiring fusly who obtained profit in their speculations-

There is no fear of any of the present bidders failing their Engagements except the bidder for the Ramnad abkarry, the decrease in Dindigul the Sub Collector ascribes to their being no demand for tobacco for Mangalore any more than in last year, and to there being no troops at Dindigul to purchase betel and arrack; last year there was a considerable rise in the Dindigul rents and some decrease in those under my care-

2- The bidders have engaged to give deposits

or security within 15 days, some two months instalment and a few engage to give one months deposit and security for one fourth of the rent. From the Keela-kurray Marcoyers neither deposit nor security is asked they being respectable and well known Merchants. One per Cent has been collected from the bidders.

Madura 3d June 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 51.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that no Salt or Goods were seized nor Confiscated during last Month

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Madura 7th June 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 52

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reference to the Min: of Con: of the 9th January 1835 I have the honor to request the Board's instructions if interest is to be collected on the balance of Rupees 190271 for fusly 1246, on account of which the Shevagunga Estate was sequestered at the end of that fusly. the balance had accrued partly from bad season and partly from the late Ex Zemindar's extravagance and want of control over his servants, and

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was recovered in the following fusly.

Settlement of

Fusly 1244	297080
45	360046
46	295301
Under assumption	
47	426130
48	436260
49	477713

Madura
Theroopavanom } (Sd.) J Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 53

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

1. In reference to my letter of the 30th September, the Boards' proceedings of the 18th November, the Minutes of Consultation of the 21st January and the Boards' proceedings thereon of the 4th February last, authorising restoration of the Cunnewady Estate to the proprietor on his payment of arrears amounting to Rupees 14887.8.4, I have the honor to bring to notice my omission to have asked my instructions on the subject of interest on the original arrears, because I deemed, in reference to the Min: Con: of the 9th January 1835, and the Boards' proceedings of the 13th April 1837, it was not right to call upon him because of the extent to which his cultivators had suffered from the fever of fusly 1221, in which and the two following years the Collector reported the loss of one third of the population of the district: but that I now hesitate to take any responsibility.

2. I have no longer any doubt that the proprietor will be prepared to liquidate his arrears in July as soon as the result of the settlement for the current fusly 1250, is ascertained, and from the proceeds of which I anticipate the balance due by him will be reduced to about 8000 rupees.

3. In reference also to the above correspondence I beg to inquire if it is the wish of Government and of the Board that I should now call upon all proprietors similarly situated with him of Cunnewady to give a surrender of their Estates in lieu of the per centage they received on their + refusal to proceed to sell them, or that these instructions are only meant to have reference to any Estates that may hereafter be resumed

in a similar way (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll
Madura Theroopavanom
12th June 1841 }

No 54

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir

D 1 The first five items in the inclosed statement shew untaxed trees growing in lands formerly occupied by Military Officers in the Fort of Madura, and the next 13 items are of untaxed trees because not planted at the survey in Fusly 1212 – being partly within the fort of Madura, partly in a village adjacent to it. All are now in possession of persons having no connexion with the original holders and no other claims to exemption of tax than a long free enjoyment.

If taxed at the rate current in the Collectorate they will produce a revenue of Rupees 126½.

No 8, if taxed at all, should have the same indulgence as other trees on the banks of the Vighey under the Boards instructions of the 17th September 1835.

2 I have the honor to request instructions for my guidance in this matter.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura 15th June 1841 }

No 55

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board the default of the renters for the Abkary rent of Madura & Ramnad; & subsequently

Subsequent resale at a loss of Rupees 2920.

The deposit made by these two persons at the first bidding, at one per cent, & amounting to rupees 261, has been carried to account as a fine.

	Originally bidding	Resale	Decrease
Madura	12,500	10,420	2080
Ramnad	13,600	12,760	840
	26,100	23,180	2920
Add the Abkary sales approved		25,240	
		48,420	
Rents in fusly 1249		42,590	
Increase		5830	

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2 All the other renters have paid their deposits or given security.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

Madura
2d July 1841

No 56

3d Aug 1841

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1 On the 20th Ultimo I had the honor to receive the Circular Extract from the Bd's proceedings of the 10th of the same month, together with an Extract from a letter of the 21st April from Government calling for a return of annual revenue of religious institutions at the time of assumption of the Country by the Company; and of the money allowances since assigned for their support, with all sums expended on their repair or for any other object connected with the institutions; which I have accordingly the honor to forward herewith, as well as a similar return for the charitable institutions

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institutions in Case it should be required —

2\. The Settlement of the 179 Villages which were assigned to these two Kinds of institutions on the Assumption of the Country by the Company yielded in fasly 1211 Rupees 88554 - 8 " In last fasly viz.t 1249, they yielded R.s 123601. 2. 7 and the amount assigned in lieu of them is R.s 59927. 8 8 ℔ annum.

For Pagodas 159 Villages Revenue in fasly 1211. R.s 70872 14 10
Revenue in fasly 1249. R.s 91014. 10. 11
Assignments in lieu R.s 49155 0 1.

For Chittram 29 Villages Revenue in fasly 1211. R.s 17661. 9. 2
In fasly 1249 R.s 32586 7. 8
Assignments in lieu R.s 10772 - 8. 7

3 From the above statement are excluded the Pagodas and Chuttrams supported by lands in the Co.s talook of Maroongapoory; for tho' the revenues are Collected by me and made over to the different institutions no surplus is ever appropriated to Government or any deficiency met by its assistance - And in the same way are excluded from this statement the highly endowed pagodas in Shevagunga, which I assumed very shortly after sequesteration of that Estate for arrears. —

4 — On assembling the heads of different Pagodas & proposing the abandonment of the fixed funds to them, entirely exempt from the interference of Government, they presented a written petition objecting to such abandonment by Govt. on the ground that there being many of equal claims and equal authority, there is no single person to whom the coin could be entrusted; and they clearly anticipate the result, probably foreseen by the home Government, that embezzlement animosity & ruin to the Establishments will follow —

5 A few brief remarks on the Ramasweram Endowments

endowments, since that Pagoda is quoted by Government, may not be here out of place. - The Establisht was involved in extensive debt when formerly assumed by Government, in Fusly 1225, & retained till restoration of the Ramnad Zemindary in Fusly 1237; and whilst under the Collectors management it was in part extricated from its embarrassments. Again it was assumed in Consequence of misunderstanding between the Manager & Pundarome in A. D. 1833, & again abandoned to the Pundarom in the following year, & the strict surveillance of a servant appointed by the Manager of Ramnad, & the want of unanimity between the Manager & himself has secured attendance to the rules laid down for guidance & Management by the Collector so that the debt was last year entirely paid off. an Expensive ceremony, called the Astabundanom, has been celebrated & there is a surplus of near 30000 Rupees in the Pagoda treasury. Its annual revenue is about 35,000 Rupees.

6. When cessation of the interference on the part of the Collector is finally determined upon, instructions will be required for our guidance if we are to attend to requisitions for Coolies to draw the Cars at the great festivals, & by whom the requisition is to be made. And if we are prohibited from Compelling such attendance what precautions are we to take against popular tumult.

7. It is not clearly understood if it is in the Contemplation of Government to abandon the entire annual settlement of the 179 Villages or only the amount fixed by Mr. Hurdis in lieu of them?

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collr.

Madura 3rd July 1841.

No 57

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To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to refer you to the Bd's refusal to recommend sanction for contingent charge Item Nos 9 & 14 in the "Statement of Charges incurred without estimate in fusly 1245" as per their letters of 4th Jany 1838, with inclosed extract of 13th Novr 1837. — My explanations of that charge in returning the rejected Items under date 24th Jany 1837, in which I shewed that Rs 2.8.. had been expended for Conveyance of Tahsildar's Dufters but promised that in future the "Ryots should be compelled to do the duty gratis", & the Board's acquiescence in that promise & sanction for the previously rejected charge as communicated in their letter of the 7th June 1838, I request you will bring it to the Bd's particular notice with my opinion that the compelling ryots to do such work is most objectionable, & will always make it difficult for a Collector to protect the people from unauthorized exaction of labor. This, the care of roads & avenues & drawing Cars & other pagoda duties are the only forced labors tolerated in this Collectorate. And I trust the Board will procure me authority to discontinue the first, & enable me to do it with facility by allowing something to heads of talooks either in lieu of such personal service, or by payment of their bills of charges, which latter I recommend.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collr

Madura 5th July
1841

No 58

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you there are no returns for last month for the following statements -

Quarterly return of revenue Defaulters confined in Jail upto 30th June.

Report of casualties released.

Salt Confiscated.

Goods Confiscated.

Madura 5th July 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No 59

To the Secretary to the Bd. of Rev.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive Extract from the Bds. proceedings of the 24th Ultimo with Copy of letter of the 12th of the same month from Government to them, on the subject of immediate transfer of the charge of religious funds and institutions to natives of their respective persuasions - Your letter of the 10th Ulto. of the same subject I had the honor to answer on the 3rd instant, & I request you will bring to the Bds. notice that I can take no further steps in the matter till they communicate to me their wishes in the doubts therein submitted to them -

Madura
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10th July 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collector

No 60

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To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to forward for the Boards' Consideration a revised roll for the Establishment from Commencement of the Current fusly 1251 (A.D. 1841/42), bearing in mind their instructions of the 20th May 1819 to keep it within the lowest possible bounds.

2 In the 4th Clause of the 2nd para: of my report of the 31st August 1839 I intimated my great satisfaction with the integrity & activity of the Salt Amildar, & my hope that the Bd would be prepared to support my recommendation for an increase of pay to him if he persevered in the same line of Conduct another year. In their proceedings on that report, under date the 26th of March 1840, they took no notice whatever of my request, and I, construing their silence into acquiescence, strongly urged an increase to him of 20 Rupees a Month from the 1st August 1840, in the 2d Clause of the 2d para: of my report of the 21st August of the same year, on the Settlement of the Extra revenue for fusly 1249; — And I shewed an annually increasing Salt revenue which had risen from 2,35000 Rupees in fusly 1245, to Rupees 2,61,000 in the fusly under report, with my belief that it would go on increasing, which as yet continues to be borne out by fact. — In the 3d para: of their proceedings of the 1st Feby 1841, when they took that report into Consideration, the Bd observe that my recommendation for an increase of 20 Rupees a Month to the Salt Amildar

See appendix No 1

Amildar is grounded on "the heavy & responsible "business discharged by him, & on the annual increase "in the revenues under his charge, & because his pay "is less than that of a Tahsildar Collecting a smaller "amount of revenue," & declined supporting it, "because "Mr Tireash had fixed his pay at this height with "express reference to the large amount of revenue which "he had to superintend and the extent of Country from "which it was derived." Because it was impolitic to let "the mere circumstance of an increase of revenue "having occurred during the administration of any "particular individual operate as a claim for an "augmentation in the pay of his situation," because "similar pleas might be urged in almost every "district in the Presidency." And they deemed, more-over the application should be made when submitting suggestions for modification of the existing establishments with the usual Mokin Zabitah return. And Government supported this view in the 3 para: of their Min: Con: of the 5th March following.

In answer to the Bd's first objection, the 14th para: of Mr Tireash's letter of the 17th December 1831 only contemplates the amount of revenue to be collected by the Salt Amildar at 2½ lacs of Rupees, derived from a Coast 150 Miles in length in a Zemindars Country. whereas his average Collections are now in the Salt alone more than 2½ lacs. And in his since imposed character of Superintendent of Sea Customs he collects an annual revenue of about 11,000 Rupees which extends his duty over an additional 30 Miles of Coast. To this is added payment of the Convicts on work at the channel at Paumben, & the police duty of the whole line of Coast

has been imposed on him since Mr Viveash's letter in 1831.—

If then increased responsibility and increase personal labor ought to entitle him to favourable consideration for increased pay I trust I have made out that claim satisfactorily.—

It is not for me to dispute the Board's opinion of the impolicy of increasing the pay of an Office to a successful administrator of any particular branch of revenue; nor the basis of that opinion viz that the claims on such grounds would evidently be impossible to be granted; tho' I certainly do continue to think that a relatively small reward to one under whom any branch of revenue greatly increases (provided he is in other respects a worthy man, and has not raised that revenue to the loss of another branch, or of a neighbouring Collectorate) can never impoverish, or be even too onerous to the State.— But I am not aware that I advocated the increase of pay to the Office, but to the individual; & in this point of view I will now beg to re-interate my recommendation in behalf of Narsingh Rao.

If the Board had time to attend to the acts of individual subordinate officers they would recollect I am not in the habit of recommending those newly employed to high rates of pay, or that I ever fail to advocate the claims of deserving servants as they advance in age and ability.

To the Board's next objection that the application should have been originally made in its present form, I can only plead error of judgement, & I trust, if the Board are now willing to support my

my recommendation, they will not let a poor and worthy man suffer because I have sought to do him justice, or shew him favor, thro' an improper channel:- I hope the Board will believe that if they had condescended to set me right when I advised them of my proposed recommendation on the 31st August 1839, I should not have hesitated to adopt the present mode:- It is true the Bd. may say they could not guess I did not design to adopt the proper course, but I hope they will recollect they had previously acceded to my application similarly made on the 14th Feby. 1835, for increased pay to certain inferior salt servants, which has proved in the result so benificial; and I therefore, hope they will procure a special sanction for paying this increase of 20 Rs. a month in arrears from the 1st August 1840.

To meet any unforeseen objection of the Board I would beg you to bring to their notice the standing rules for regulating the pay of native revenue servants, under date the 20th May 1819, the 5th clause of the third para: of which expressly restricts the pay of a head of the Salt Depart. to Rs. 150 per mensem, now the Board may be aware that after seven years experience & perfect satisfaction of Narsingh Roo's conduct on a pay of only 100 Rupees a month, I do not even now recommend him for the highest rate of pay he could hold under those rules if he had the good fortune to obtain their favor, but only for 120 Rupees a month thereby putting him on an equality with the first of the two classes of Tahsildars.-

3 In support of my recommendation of an

increase of 7 Rupees a month to Palaneappa Modelyar Choukeydar of Madura, I beg leave to copy the first clause of the 3d para: of my report of the 21st August 1840- "The increase of the Sayer revenue over the "preceding fusly (1248) is rupees 19716 as shewn in "para: 1.- I do not suppose the Bd would wish "me to enter into detail of the relative increase "& decrease of each Choukey; - I will, therefore, content "myself with noting only those where the increase "or decrease is remarkable: & amongst the first "the Cusbah Chokey of Madura is pre-eminent. "In fusly 1230, the highest of the old Amany years, "it yielded only 16242 Rs. In 1246 the highest "year under rent, it more than doubled that amount, "as was usually the case, & yielded 23760 Rupees. "The Amanie Collections of 1248 were no less than "34,932, & in the fusly under report (1249). they "amount to Rupees 37314:- In 1238 there were "only 1470 looms but they now amount to more than "2000:- I believe this Chokey is quite free "from fraud & tricks, & I am very anxious the "Board will countenance my desire to increase "the pay of the Chokeydar, Palaneappa Modeliar, "from 28 to 35 Rupees a month. He was appointed "to the charge on the 12th July 1837, on re-institution "of the Amany System.

4. I scarcely know how to give weight to my recommendation for an increase of pay to Salt Lascars of from 3 to 3½ Rupees a month, and to the land & Sea Custom peons of from 1¾ to 3. and from 2⅞ to 3½ Rupees a month.- I may be asked what should render an increase necessary now seeing they have never had more; I am not prepared to say that formerly these classes of men

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were compelled by the insufficiency of their means to devote a portion of their time to their own cultivation, or were on the alert to exact somewhat in addition to what they were entitled to levy; or countenanced, or winked at, frauds; but I verily believe such to have been the case, & I equally believe that acquiescence in my suggestion of an increase of pay will be productive of increased revenue to the Government & of increased contentment to all who have dealings with this class of people.

If any of the Bd. have ever been engaged on Committees for feeding paupers or beggars they will perhaps agree with me in thinking that a sufficiency can scarcely be procured for them at the rate of 1 rupee a head per mensem, tho' pro:cured for hundreds at a time in the most economical mode that can be devised. — The lowest rate of pay to a revenue peon is 3½ Rs. & the labors of the salt lascar are (except in share paying districts) far more onerous & uninterrupted; & the price of food is much greater on the coast than inland. —

5th. In the 13th para: of his letter of the 10th Novr. 1828 Mr. Viveash explained the cause of introducing Zilladars into the talook establish:ments. — I early adopted his view of the advantages that ought to have resulted therefrom, but could not help seeing they were far from being so efficient as they ought to be. I made many enquiries & considered many suggestions, for, as they are, they are not an acceptable class of servants either to the talook authorities, or to my own Cutchery, & their services, as now employed,

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are not equivalent to their expense. To make them really efficient their numbers should be increased to 70; their pay should be half as much again & each should have a Roysum attached to him, with 3 or 4 peons to be furnished by the Sapr. By the increased pay we should tempt a class of man who would be fitted equally for police as well as revenue duties, and being entrusted with the authority of a Tahsildar under Regulation XI of 1816, there would be a prompt attention to revenue & police by an authority always on the spot or nearly so; & there would no longer be pretence for the people to affirm they cannot get redress because of the distance of the talook cutcherry from their Village & the probability of the Tahsildars absence. But as this plan would be too expensive for me to expect sanction I content myself with seeking for an efficient revenue control in adopting the suggestion of the Sherestadar that for the 36 Zilladars should be substituted 70 Nattcurnams / Tho' neither term is known in this Collectorate yet the latter has the advantage of being in the vernacular language of it, & as the Nattcurnam is not to have any police Authority it may be as well to change it if the Bd. think proper.) These men being selected from the Villages, and conversant with all the frauds & tricks of their class, ready in Cadjan writings & accounts, are expected to be eminently useful 1st in settling petty revenue disputes at the time of Cultivation, which often now end in the land being left waste from the impossibility of applying to the Tasildar in time; 2ndly in attention to the means of irrigation & settling petty disputes

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as to the quantity of water to be distributed to each Ryot:— & in obliging the Ryots to clear their channels in proper time, their procrastinating habits constantly exposing them to serious loss of water:— 3.dly & a chief duty, to inspect the cultivation, & see that all is duly entered by the Village Curnoms:— at present our only check in this point is an Extraordinary decrease;— quarrel in the Village or an accidental discovery. This was a principle duty expected from the Zilladar, but the vast number of villages over which he was placed entirely neutralized his appointment.— 4.thly They must see that the payment of Kists are duly entered in the signed Cadjan furnished by the Collector for each tax payer:— 5.th They must urge on all ordinary meerammut, & 6.th see that the roads & avenues in their respective divisions are carefully tended.—

I purpose each shall have control of land yielding about 15000 Rupees per Annum, & beg to inclose a list particular, & in these divisions I mean that all ordinary business should be transacted by the Tahs.r thro' them, & not, as at present, direct from his cutcherry with each Village curnom, by which means I hope to attain much more promptitude & regularity of administra:tion, relief to the Tahsildar, & much greater ease to the people. Append No 2

6.— There is scarce a doubt that the Zemindar of Cunnewady will resume his estate as soon after the close of the accounts as possible & tho' the existing establishment must be retained

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till that time the present Mohin Zabitah is prepared with a view to save the Board & Government trouble and a renewed consideration, (the Bd may think it is also to save myself trouble, but such is not the case) as tho' each change was to take place simultaneously from this days date.— As his estate comprises the greatest part of Nellacottay the establishment of that talook must cease — & the remaining Villages will be put in small part under the Tahsildar of Shenkurray & chiefly under him of Tandycombo the first has establishment sufficient for the additional duty — To as the latter I beg an increase of ten revenue peons.—

7. I think it would be highly imprudent to abandon charge of the police to the Polligar even if he were inclined to undertake it.— The establishment at 120 Rupees 8 Anas per mensem, tho' large, is the least I deem it prudent to propose from the locality of the Estate under the Hills, as abounding in Jungle & difficult passes, and separating different portions of the Company's lands.

8. The 50 police peons for Shevagungah have long been sanctioned & are only entered to make the Mohin Zabitah complete; which same reason accounts for the entry of the abolished situations; and the reason for the future abolition of the Zilladar & of the Nellacottay talook establishment is above adverted to.—

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I find I have omitted to explain cause for recommending a small increase to three Chokydars and a decrease to two others. It is in accordance with my estimation of their integrity and ability—

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

Madura Paracadum
12th July 1841.

No 61

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In answer to your Circular of the 15th instant, received yesterday, I have the honor to state that the rules alluded to & forwarded with your Circular of the 27th January 1840, have been ever since regularly observed in this Collectorate; I have no means of judging if they have been of service: they appear well calculated to obtain the object in view.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 20th July 1841.

No 62

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement of Salt wastage for Fusly 1250; & request Sanction for Garce 26 - Ms 248 - to be written off the accounts.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

Madura 20th July 1841.

No 63

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

On the 3rd instant I had the honor to receive

Extract

Extract from the Board's proceedings of the 17th of the preceding month, with Copy of the 41st para: of a letter from the Court of directors of the 16th December 1840, calling for my opinion of the effect the substitution of the Indian maund for the Garce measure would have upon the Salt trade, and beg to state I do not think it will in any way cause an increase or decrease of the Sale.

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2 Inclosed is Copy of the 6th para: of Mr Vivash's opinion on the subject, as shewn in his letter of the 26th Febr. 1833 to the Board, in which I fully concur. And I conceive, besides, delivery by weight instead of measure would put an entire stop to any frauds that may by possibility still exist. But it would entail the cost of scales & weights in each pan; and possibly a small increased Sibbendy, tho' I do not think that likely.

3 One Madras Mercal equals one Indian maund; 400 Maunds one Garce; so that if the Government prefer a half measure they can continue the receipts & delivery of Salt by measurement as usual and merely substitute the maund for garce, in the Accounts to be forwarded to the Presidency.

Madura 21st July 1841.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

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To

The Secretary to the Board of revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Endorsement on Petition No. 488 of 1841 (herewith returned) under date the 24th Ultimo I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board that the parties have since entered into amicable settle[ment]

R that the Manium land in dispute should be exclusively enjoyed by Petr., and that his adversary continues to let his (Petitioners) land be watered by his tank; & gave a written consent before me to that effect yesterday.

Madura 31st July 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

No. 66.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 19th Instant forwarding Petition, No. 348 of 1841, for further report, I have the honor to state that the Petitioner is in posses-sion of the original Deed of Sale for the land he claims, executed by the Inhabitants of the village to Gowry

R Vullaba Peria Odia Tauer, late Zemindar of Shevagunga, and is also in the enjoyment of the land; but as on reference to the order he stated to have been given him by the said Zemindar in relinquishing the land to him it was signed Chokalingum Tonay (literally assistance of a deity of that name) and the petitioner alleged it had been written by order of the Zemindar by one of his Sumpradies, Chokalingum pillay, which was, however, contradicted by two Goomastahs of the Zemindary now in my office, and formerly in the service of the Zemindar, adding, that the order in question had been passed by Moottoovadooga Tauer, father of the late Ex-Zemindar, I held the written

authority suspicious, and maintained the Zemindar's right to Swamibogum. In reference to the accounts received from the Zemindar's Cutcherry no Swamibogum appears to have been paid since the alleged alienation of the land. I have therefore directed the Ameen not to collect any Swamibogum till receipt of further instructions from the Board. The Petition is herewith returned.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura 31st. July 1841.

No. 67

To,
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there are no returns for last month for the following Statements.

Goods Confiscated.
Salt Confiscated.

Madura 4th. August 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 68

To,
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will bring to the Board's notice my application of the 8th Ultimo for sanction for undertaking repairs of religious & Charitable institutions. The return had been intermitted a whole quarter that I might be enabled to lay it before the Board in so perfect a state as to require only a few minutes consideration; & it is the idea that it is now passed over as undeserving any answer till the main question of transferring all interference in religious institutions be disposed of

that I now beg you to venture to bring it anew to their notice; as it is my opinion I have no right to procrastinate now doing that which it is to be expected would be immediately done if the Board's Sanction was not requisite.

Madura Theroopatoor
9th August 1841

(signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 69

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to return the enclosure of your letter of the 22 Ulto. not recd. till the 2d Instt. being Correspondence between the Supreme Govt. and that of Bombay on the subject of withdrawal of interference from Native religious institutions.

2. The Abstract Statement required by the Bd. has been put in hand but I cannot hope to have it ready before the end of September, & should the early records be mutilated it will perhaps take a longer time, & be after all imperfect.

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3 At the same time I purpose submitting my views for transfer of all interference in the religious institutions except of the principal four or five which I shall not be able to take into consideration till I obtain the Board's instructions on the points noted in my letters of the 3d & 10th Ultimo.

4 In conformity with the instructions contained in the Circular of the 21st May 1836 I refused to oblige attendance of Coolies to draw Cars – the difficulty was met with redoubled readiness amongst the people themselves, & no murmurs were heard; for the principal amongst them seem to have anticipated the abolition of the order by

Not for the Govt. might be heard

by the Court of Directors. That abolition of the Court the Board may recollect was Communicated to me in their Circular Dated the 8th March 1838 and it was with fearful anticipations that I looked forward to the revival of the orders of refusal once so quietly inforced; Could there have been time for a reference I would not have acted on the orders of the Court of Directors without repetition of their commands. As there was not time I hesitated not to obey, but it is those fears that now make me require instructions on this serious point before I take any further measures to Carry their wishes into Effect.

See Rev. recd. letter Book for 1838

5 Para 7 of my letter of the 3rd Ultimo was not meant to ask if the Settlement of the Villages with which the institutions were originally endowed, were to be given up, but whether the whole of their revenues, or only that allowance substituted for them by the Mussulman Government, and Confirmed by the first acts of the Co. on obtaining possession should be abandoned to the institutions, & on this point I again beg for instructions. If my opinion be sought I should say, without hesitation, that the substituted amount granted by the Mussulman & Confirmed by the early Govt. should alone be given up.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Coll.

Madura
Thirooputtoor 9th August 1841

No. 70

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to return petition

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No 640 of 1841 & beg to refer the Board to the Engineers Diaries, noted in the Margin, and to the accompanying Copy of a Correspondence with that department, by which they will perceive redress or justice cannot be afforded to the parties till 1843, unless the Bd authorize me to act on my own discretion, unchecked by an Engineer, whose other duties are too heavy to allow him to look to the matter for so many Months to come. Should it be left to my discretion I shall immediately act upon Mr Marrett's Diary of the 9th May last undisturbed by the modifications proposed by the Civil Engineer -

Lieut P. Mc Francis 12th Regt 1839.
Asst Revd Surveyor Marrett 9th May 1841.
To the Civil Engineer 13th May 1841.
From Do 17th Do.
To Do 5th June
From Do 12th Do

Madura 19th Augt 1841 - (Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

No 71.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revd.
Fort St George

Sir,

For the Toty of Tickra mungalum Village in Thiroomungalom talook a Maneem of 7 2/10 Cawnies of punjah land taxed at Rs 15-3-3, was given in the settlement of fusly 1212, which is now found quite insufficient for his support, I beg therefore to recommend for sanction of the Board of Revenue a further grant of 9 14/10 Cawnies taxed at Rupees 19-8-3

For the Madien or water distributor of the Village no Maneem was allowed in the said fusly, but as his services are indispensible I beg to propose appropriation on this acct of 9 15/10 Cawnies of punjah lands, taxed at Rupees 23-5-5.

This recommendation I am aware is

is opposed to the Government instructions of the 19th March 1838, which discountenance it altogether, but when it is considered that in fusly 1212 no more than 14 Cawnies of Nunjah were under Cultivation but now that the average of three years is 116 Cawn^s, and the parties abovementioned are in receipt of no perquisites whatever from the inhabitants I hope the Board will sanction the alienation proposed. —

Madura 21st Augt 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

No 72

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to submit the subjoined statement of the Extra sources of revenue in this Collectorate for fusly 1250 (A D 1840/41) in comparison with fusly 1249. —

		Fusly 1249		1250.		Increase		Decrease	
		Rs.	as p	Rs.	as p	Rs.	as p	Rs	a p
Sources of Extra Rev^e.	Salt	261242	8.3.	276736	6 6.	15493.	14 3	..	.. ..
	Amany 5 p^ct duties	128265	2 10	123601.	6 1.	..	.. ..	4663	12 9
	Betel & Tobacco (Rents)	146480.	.. ..	147610	.. ..	1130.	.. ..	..	.. ..
	Total Sayer	274745	2 10	271211	6 1.	1130.	.. ..	4663	12 9
	Abkaree (Rent)	42120	.. ..	42590	.. ..	470	.. ..	..	.. ..
	Sea Customs	13653	11 5	13064	1 3.	..	.. ..	589	10 2
	Tank fish	10678	4 9	8345	9 2	..	.. ..	2332	11 7
	Stamps	22140	1 6	24512	11 11	2372	10 5.	..	.. ..
	Total	624579	12 9	636460	2 11.	19466.	8 8	7586	2 6
	Deduct decrease					7586.	2 6.		
	Net Increase					11880.	6. 2		

2 The increase in the Salt is greater than under existing circumstances I had a right to anticipate, and is attributable to the integrity and care of the officers of the Salt Department, & to the gradually improving state of the principal salt routes, & Progressing increase in salt revenues

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Continued increase will depend on further outlay on roads

I beg recollection may be kept of this remark to induce the acquiescence of the Board, in the Depart of public works, to the propriety of recommending sanction of the road Estimates I shall have the honor to submit, on the 30th September, for execution in 1842, with a view to obtain that sanction, at the latest, by the 15th December. If my recommendations should meet with timely support, I feel confident the sales of salt will go on increasing from year to year for some time to come.—

Great expected increase placed in doubt by the Bd's disapproval of a project for preventing formation of spontaneous salt.

On the 12th February I had the honor to lay before the Board, in Department of public works, a proposition with plan levels &c for a channel from the Poombaray Tharoovay to the sea, prepared by one of the Assistant Revenue Surveyors, and forwarded direct because of the departure of the Civil Engineer for Europe, & because of the absence of his European Assistant on duty in another Division, from the execution of which I anticipated, & still anticipate, an annual increase of many thousand rupees. the estimate itself amounting to only 1486½ Rupees.— But on the 1st March the Board rejected the recommendation for the present, believing it useless.— As I have never heard further on the subject I fear it is considered as answered, and consigned to oblivion. I beg to urge its reconsideration.

Proof of advantage derived from restoration of public roads

In my last years report I shewed that from improvement of roads the price of a garce of salt was reduced in the Madura Bazar (170 miles from the nearest pan) from Rupees 169 to 146. In the year under report the price is further reduced to 139 Rupees.— In this year, too, salt to the value of 2160 Rupees has been for the first time taken to the Trichinopoly market.— The

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exports to Coimbatoor have increased from Rupees 33433. 9 " to Rupees 35662 5 " & there has been every where else increased sales in different small degrees except in Shevagunga, which in great length borders on Poodoocottah, where earth salt is extensively made –

The present year's salt revenue is the highest ever known and it will go on increasing: – In the seven years I have had charge of the Collectorate there has been a clear increase of Rupees 261,552 above the revenue of the low year immediately preceding –

Annual Salt Rev.d administration

Fuslies		Salt Revenue Rupees		Annual increase above Fusly 1243
1244	————	2,46,204.	————	30,637
1245	————	235089	————	19,522.
1246	————	2,46,387.	————	30,820
1247	————	249,592	————	34,025.
1248	————	2,55,271.	————	39,704
1249	————	2,61,242	————	45,675
1250	————	2,76,730.	————	61169
				261,552

Salt Revenue of Fusly 1243 Rupees 215567

3 In the 5 percent duties is a decrease of Rupees 4663. 12. 9, owing to the small produce, from bad season, of Ghee, Gingely Oil, Rape, Lamp oil & Caster oil seed: – And the influx of European piece goods has nearly closed the Ceylon Markets to those of Madura – the decreasing trade with which I have annually had to report –

Sayer Decrease in 5 pCt duties

In the 3d para of my letter of the 11th June 1840 in submitting the biddings for the Tobacco & Betel I shewed the decrease in the former was from the drought of the first 6 Months of that year; whilst the increase in the latter was from the recovering state of the Betel cultivation; & that the increased rents in Dindigul much more than covered the decreased rents in Madura & that the net increase was 1130 Rupees. –

Increase in Betel & Tobacco rents

4. And, I further informed you, in the same

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communication, there was no perceptible cau[se]
for the small increase of Rupees 470 in the Abkaree farm: but that in some portions of the district the increase was considerable, & in some plac[es] the decrease was similarly great.

Increase in Abkaree rent.

5. There is a net decrease of Rs. 589 10 2 in the Sea Customs from reduced exportation of Chank and rice, & from reduced importation of Chaya root & small amount in Sundries.

Decrease in Sea Customs

6. The net decrease of Rupees 2332 in tank fish is considerable, but in all the small tanks it varies with the land revenue, which has been shewn in my report of the 31st July to have been below that of the preceding fusly by 39,000 from adversity of season. But there is a falling off of 1500 Rupees from the four large river fed tanks not having been rented at all, in consequence of being in great measure filled at the usual season for the fishery.

Large decrease in tank fish

7. The increase from the sale of Law papers is Rupees 2808.3.5, arising from continuation of the same cause that affected their sale last year, Vizt the calling up of suits from the Moonsiff's Courts, where stamps are not required, & consigning them to the jurisdiction of the Sudr Ameens, where they are indispensible. From this deduct Rupees 435, the decrease in sale of Sayer Rowanahs, & there remains a net increase of only Rupees 2372.10.5 under this head

Increase in Stamps

8. The whole Extra revenue of Rupees 63,460.2.11, being an increase of Rupees 11,880.6.2 over the preceding fusly, was duly collected within the fusly:– and there being no arrears to collect is the cause of non-transmission of the usual return B:– It is hoped the explanation offered in the column of remarks in statement

Total Extra Revenue

No arrears.

Statement A, herewith sent, may clear up any doubts that suggested themselves to the Board:— The printed Forms in triplicate are also forwarded.

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9 The Board's command of the 14th May 1840 for matured suggestions on the subject of a drawback on salt on attaining a certain distance into the interior is still unsatisfied from the cause I anticipated at the outset, Viz.t that I should not be able to procure information from all authorities from whom I sh- require it. As soon as the few who have not yet favored me with answers to my circular do so, I shall attempt to meet the Bd.s wishes.

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10. The 5th para of the Bd.s proceedings of the 1st February last on the Extra settlement report of the 21st August 1840, for fusly 1249, in which I recommended re-establishment of 18 Mettoas as a "great relief to piece good merchants & as "likely at the same time (but in secondary consider:"ation) to raise the revenue," tended by it's exposi:tion of dates & a quotation from my preceding year's report that the abolition of those very Mettoas had been a "salutary relief to the poorer classes" to impress Government with an idea of my thoughtless inconsistency:— As the subject itself is shewn by the 4th para. of the Min. Con: of the 5th March, in review of that report and the Board's proceedings, to be of little consequence, because of the steps then in progress, tho' still not carried out, for the sanctioned abolition of the Transit duties, I would not again refer to the subject but for the necessity I feel to set my acts in their true point of view, which I can so easily do; & the more so as, if I succeed, it may make my duties easier to me in removing

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distrust of me from the minds of my immediate
Superiors. — The Board's precis in the above
noted 5th para did not give the representation
which I wished my varied communications to carry.
My view stands thus, — When on the 3d October
1837 I offered a proposed reduction of Chokey's
Mettoos &c.; the Board deemed it insufficient;
and under date the 12th March 1838, ordered it to be
carried to a greater extent. — In obedience, but
in no wise acquiescing in the propriety of the
measure, I submitted, on the 5th April, a list of
26 Mettoos for abolition, but recommending
at the same time restriction of collection of
Consumption duty on Betel to 27 Towns, which
I deemed to be in strict conformity to the Regulations,
which I thought had not before been attended to in
that point. — On the 23d of the same month the Board
directed the abolition of the Mettoos but did not
consent to a considerable loss of revenue by the
restriction I had suggested: — These orders were
long in coming to hand, but on the 10th day after
their receipt, Vizt. on the 16th May, I pointed out
the great loss that would be sustained by the
abolition of the Mettoos unaccompanied by the
restriction I had proposed, or without reverting
to the system of renting the Betel & Tobacco Customs,
and threw the responsibility of the measure I had
carried into effect upon them. — To meet the difficulty
they, on the 28th May, approved of reversion to the
renting system from the ensuing fusly & meantime
permitted me to offer a remodification of Mettoos
to be abolished to secure the Govt. agt. loss for the
few remaining days of the then current fusly. —
To which I replied on the 2d June that since they
permitted the renting System to be resumed in 40
days, Vizt. from the 11th of the ensuing month,
[illegible] be better to forego the trifling advantage

-tage that might result from the re-establishment of any of the Mettoos, during the very few days only in which it could have effect after the renewed communication with them, than to unsettle the minds of the people by repeated changes - In my report of the 31st August 1839 I did designate the abolition of the Mettoos "a salutary relief to the Poorer Classes". - And in my report of the 21st August 1840, on another year's view of the acting of the measure, confirm-ing the fears that had led to my first proposition of the 3rd October 1837, rejected because of the Board's opinion of its insufficiency, and from seeing new grounds that had not before struck me I advocated in the 8th para: in which I entered into full detail of the Causes that influenced my opinion, the re-establishment of a great portion of the abolished Mettoos, as a matter of justice to the "piece good merchant" who has at least equal claim to that, as the "poorer classes of the people" have to the liberality of Government: - and for the convenience also of the public generally - But it seems to me the Board have confounded and blended the subjects of Sayer inclusive of Betel & Tobacco & Sayer exclusive of it; and in overthrow of my recommenda:tion have made reference to the correspondence on the disposed of subject of Betel & Tobacco. But my present reference by dates to the whole Correspondence will I hope enable them to see the subject in the light I meant it to be viewed, & clear up what they find inconsistent in my Correspondence: - and if anything has occurred that is likely much longer to postpone the general abolition of the transit duties I beg to repeat my recommendation for re-establisht of the Mettoos as before proposed.

Madura
25th August 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collr.

Renewed recommenda:tion under certain Circumstances for re-establi:ment of 18 Mettoos

No 65 317

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George 159

Sir

1 I have just had the honor to receive your letter of the 20th Ulto directing the division of my report on the Settlement of last fusly into two portions & their return.-

2. During the whole period of my being Collr of Madura I have always endeavored to reply to the remarks of the Board on one settlement report in the body of the next, if the period of receipt of such remarks allowed me, as thinking it the most convenient. Now I know the Board's wishes to abstain from that course, and give my replies separately, I shall willingly do so.-

3 I keenly feel the contemptuous ridicule with which I find, from the pencilled marginal remarks communicated to me, that I am regarded by the Board:- I hope my answers similarly given in pencil will not betray the feelings under which I have made them.-

4 I return the identical papers sent back to me which will bear the higher number of paras: than would be the case if the explanations had formed an original part of this letter, as follows- Here follows from para 1 to 28 of my letter of 31st July 1841.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

Madura Thiroopa:
:vanom 4th Septr 1841

No 72

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In reference to the Boards procee:
:dings of the 7th December, transmitting Extract from
a General letter of the Court of Directors under
date the 15th July 1840, and Min: Con: of the 21st Octr
of the same year sanctioning payment of Arrears
of pension, to amount of Rs 4156, to Moottoovar
Koolaly Nachyar & her participants; & directing
me to report the steps I should have taken in
giving effect to the orders & distribution of the money,
I have the honor to inform you I lost no time in
calling upon the lady to furnish me with a
schedule of her debts which she did; but from the
hesitation with which it was given, & other
circumstances, I was convinced was fictitious.
After a time promissory notes were produced
which after investigation I was satisfied were
similarly prepared for the purpose - the lady's
advisers having, I imagine, insinuated into her
a belief that she could not receive the money
except in payment of debts; I am now of opinion
she has no debts, & I have accordingly the honor
to forward her receipt for Rupees 2772. That
of Velloy Authal for Rupees 692; and that
of Nugalamay Authal for herself & Chinna
pillay Rs 692 Total Rupees 4156, as proposed
in my letter of the 20th March 1839, & in reference
to the former one of the 16th Septr 1835.

Madura 6th Septr 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

Malabar receipts ... kept in ...

× Thes'dor 2 Co-heiresses

No 73

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to state, that no good

or Salt were seized nor confiscated during last Month

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

Madura Therooppavanom
6th September 1841

No 74

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I am sorry to be obliged to report for the Board's information that by the Returns of Cultivation upto the 31st Ultimo the decrease in punjah amounts to no less than Rupees 103794 below that up to the similar period of last year.

In the early part of the year much industry was exercised in preparing the ground, but during the last two Months the little rain that has fallen has been so partial & insufficient the tillage even has been suspended.

Extent of punjah Cultivation upto 31st August 1840 in Comparison with that upto the similar date in 1841.

	Rs	a	p
Fusly 1250	257,077	8	6
" 1251	155,282	8	7
Decrease	103794	15	11

Madura
Therooppavanom
11th Septr 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

No 75

To
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the Board's letter of the 16th March 1820 shewing that the net commission to Collectors on estates inward was to be at 1½ per cent on the Net Collections after deducting all charges except the Company's Rent I have the honor to request their instructions if the Tank Repairs are to be considered in the light of charges on which Commission

is not to be debited against the estate. I take it for granted the charges for road repairs are not liable to the Commission, and I beg the Board to remember the charges in both heads are considerable.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 15th September 1841. Prind. Colr.

No. 76.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1. On the 22d. Ultimo I had the honor to receive your letter of the 12th of the same month, forwarding copy of Act IV of 1840, in force in Bengal, and calling for my opinion how far its provisions are applicable to this Presidency, with a view to its substitution for such parts of Regulation V of 1822 of the Madras Code as profess to provide for the adjustment of disputes regarding "possession of Land &ca." by the Magistrates — and secondly requiring a return of summary suits decided under other provisions of the same Regulation for the last ten years, with a Memo: of the average time elapsing between their institution and decision; and of the numbers undecided at the end of each year.

2. Sections XI and XXI, both inclusive (Sections XVI and XVII excepted) of Regulation V of 1822 of the Madras Code provide for the interference of the Collector and Magistrate in all

all such cases; and if need be, for the exercise of the higher powers of the Criminal Judge.

One serious oversight in this, and the General Regulations, Viz. Omission to define the Controling Authority where the dispute was regarding lands &ca forming a boundary between two European Jurisdictions, was remedied by the Min: Con: of the 22d May 1835, which declared such disputes Cognizable by the Zillah Court, and those under Regulation XII of 1816 by the Collector, (and, on similar reasoning, breaches of the peace &ca by the Magistrate,) whose usual seat of office was nearest to the spot in dispute.

With this addition, aided by Regulation III of 1831, providing against the higher degrees of riot and tumultuous assemblages; and Sections VIII, XVIII, XIX and XXXII of Regulation IX of 1816, providing for punishment of different degrees, and under certain restrictions; and Section LI Regulation XI of 1816, empowering the Magistrate and his Native police to prevent dispossession of ryot. I look upon the provisions of Regulation V of 1822 as admirably adapted and all sufficient for the maintenance of the peace, and for protection and prompt relief to the injured. And to me it appears, though relief to be afforded by the Magistrate, though ample as between Governors and the Governed, is altogether insufficient, unless aided by the powers entrusted to the Collector, as between the aggrieved and the aggressor.

I will proceed to shew in juxtaposition the provision of the Bengal Act, as proposed for substitution, and how far its different enactments seem to me capable of being met by the Madras regulations now in force.

Provisions of the Madras Code by which the Bengal enactments are met.	Bengal Act IV of 1840.
By Regulation V of 1822 the Collector and Magistrate has authority not only to decide on the fact of possession, but the right of possession, which, where the Collector and	Section II. When fear of dispute is certified the Magistrate must consider only possession, not the right of possession.

Magistrate are always one and the same person, seems to me a great advantage over the Bengal Act. By the Madras Code the Magistrate can administer both Law and Equity. By the Bengal Code he is restricted to enforcement of the law.

This enactment of the Bengal Code seems in reference to a State of things that does not exist in Madras where the Collector and Magistrate are never distinct	Section III. Where a Magistrate cannot make up his mind as to the actual possession he can attach.

personages. Though it is difficult to conceive a case where the fact of possession by two different parties is too doubtful to be decided upon by a Magistrate, still the Bengal Code has the advantage in providing for

for a possibility. But when it is so entirely doubtful would it not be better, as in Madras, to let the Magistrate have the power of giving possession to which ever claimant he likes, leaving him responsible through the Civil Courts for having availed himself of the temporary order of the Magistrate if it was afterwards ruled to have been contrary to Equity?

Section IV. Dispossession being proved the Magistrate may restore to possession "provided the Complaint have been made within one month" from the date of dispossession.

By the Madras Code the Collector and Magistrate can punish the aggression, restore possession &c. 3rdly can reimburse the sufferer for value of produce lost or wasted which seems to me great advantages in favor of the Madras Code.

By the Bengal Code the aggressor is not liable to punishment for his act of violence, and the rightful owner of a standing crop, or grain heaped in the threshing floor, or of running water or water in tanks &c. can obtain no redress for his wasted crop, his consumed or wasted produce, or for the loss sustained by the diversion and abstraction of the water from his cultivation except by the tedious course of a civil process, mean time his poverty may be, and probably is, such that he can only provide the present means of subsistence by usurious loans, and the means of again cultivating the land, restored to him by the Magistrate, by means of advances from the Government.

Further, unless the complaint be made within one
[m]onth the aggressor's successful usurpation constitutes his
[ti]tle till set aside by the Civil Courts according to the
Bengal Code — And under Section II the Magistrate
[i]s bound to maintain in possession the successful usur-
[pe]r against the known rightful owner, who has —
temporarily lost his title, because 32 days elapsed
instead of one month in the date of preferring his
Complaint: and it may be the Seat of Action was
100 Miles from the Magistrate's office and the aggrieved
[a] poor and ignorant man who could not be expected
to know that he must not in this particular case look
for redress from the native village or talook Authority
who are set over him in almost all other matters.

Should it be determined to adopt the Bengal
Code I would strongly advocate that in substitution
for "one month" it should be provided that "such sum-
"mary enquiry into cases of forcible dispossession should
"be restricted to cases complained of at the time of
"such dispossession, or as soon afterwards as circum-
"stances might admit" and the Magistrate's discre-
-tion might be limited to six months.

This provision of the Bengal
Code is new: — and particularly
requires the nomination of
the European authority to have
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Section V Where the claim
is to new formed land
the Magistrate may give
it according to his notions
of Equity.

Cognizance when newly formed on Zillah boundaries; or

+ for instance in newly formed islands in the Godavery

Kistna &c.

Section VI gives a Magistrate power to protect a public right against a private claim.

This is a new provision in the Bengal Code and gives distinct authority to a Magistrate to do that which I always imagined he had power to do under the General Regulations in force looking upon the public in precisely the same light as an Individual.

Section VII. Empowers Magistrates to punish for contravention or opposition to their orders in above cases by simple imprisonment not exceeding 6 Months, or by fine not exceeding 200 Rupees, commutable to a further 6 months imprisonmt, or by fine and imprisonment as above.

By clause 5 Section XVIII of Regulation IX of 1816 a Magistrate can punish resistance of his authority to extent of 15 days imprisonment or 50 Rupees fine; or in case of a superior land holder the fine may be increased to 200 Rupees. By other clauses of the above Section the Magistrate can award forfeiture, unlimitted fine, and imprisonment, and corporal punishment but not to be inforced till receipt of the acquiesence or modification of the Foujdary Udalut under Section XIX of the same Regulation.

Section VIII allows of an appeal in the usual manner in all cases of a Magistrate's Acts

By the Madras Code all Acts of a Magistrate are open by appeal

appeal to the Consideration of the Court of Circuit. By clause 2 Section XV of Regulation V of 1822 Collectors have the powers of Village and District Moonsiffs under Regulation V & VII of 1816; and may thereby refer cases to arbitration on the consent of both parties.

The Madras Code does not seem specifically to provide this restriction.

A specific similar restriction does not seem to be found in the Madras Code.

Section IX If the parties agree the Magistrate may refer the case to Arbitrators whose decision is of the same power as if passed by the Magistrate himself.

Section X. This Act is not to affect any legal seizures

Section XI confines the provisions of the Act to the limits of Fort William.

4. My objections to the substitution of the Bengal Act for the Regulations in force in Madras are 1st that the former does not provide punishment for breach of the peace in the act of dispossession, 2nd that it does not allow a fair and reasonable time for preferring the complaint, 3rd that in leaving recovery of actual losses to the Civil Court alone it does not afford a sufficient prompt justice to the aggrieved by actual violence; 4th that it does not name the authority by whom disputes arising on boundaries dividing two European jurisdictions, or the Company's lands, and that of Native Princes in alliance with them,

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are cognizable; 5th The Bengal Code seems to confine to the European all power of entertaining such Complaints: The Madras Code Section LI Regulation XI of 1816 gives the Magistrate and his native police the authority; and without the latter bloodshed would often occur from the distance of the European Authority, and punishment would be uncertain from the laboriousness the European. And with these, in my opinion, deficiencies, and the very insignificant points in which it appears to have an advantage over the Madras Regulations, I cannot think it of sufficient worth to cause the rescission of the provisions in force in its favor, especially if in a short time is to be expected the publication of the General Code for the whole of India

5 The subjoined Abstract will it is hoped afford all the information required by the Board in the 3d para of their letter.

Cases filed &ca under Section II Regulation V of 1822 for the last ten years.

Years 1	Remaining unsettled at end of the preceding year 2	Filed 3	Total 4	Disposed of 5	Remaining unsettled at close of the year in which filed 6	Remarks 7
1831	"	2	2	1	1	Of the 91 Cases in Col. 5, 63 were disposed of in one month, 10 in two months, 4 in three months 8 in four months, 3 in five months, 1 in six months & 2 in eight months.
1832	1	3	4	4	"	
1833	"	"	"	"	"	
1834	"	8	8	7	1	
1835	1	16	17	17	"	
1836	"	2	2	2	"	
1837	"	9	9	9	"	
1838	"	16	16	16	"	
1839	"	23	23	23	"	
1840	"	15	15	12	3	
	"	94	"	91	"	

6 Under the other provisions of the Regulation the suits filed & determined have been considerably more numerous.

Madura 17th Sept. 1841. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr Collr.

See Draft

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

1 I am sorry to inform you no steps whatever have been taken by me towards giving effect to the wishes of Government as shewn in the Chief Secretary's letter of the 9th, and communicated with the Board's orders on the 19th, October 1835, respecting the publication of the Regulations throughout the province.

2. I imagine I first postponed attention expecting Government to enable me to give effect to the Notice by supplying me with the cheap Regulations for disposal; and that the matter was afterwards forgotten from their never being received.

3. If it is still the Governments wish I would beg to be supplied with 5 Tamil Copies for each of the 36 talooks (including the Zemindaries) in the Collectorate - Total 180 Copies, besides the Tamil and English ones to be left on hand for sale where required. But at the same time I must observe the Tamil the present Acts is scarcely intelligible to any but men of the highest education this Collectorate affords, and is by them generally contrasted with the Tamil translates of the regulations of 1802, with which, whether from subject or language, they are much more familiar. If however the new Code for All India is about to be published it may be

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worthy of consideration if it is not better to postpone the further publication of the Regulations and Acts as they now stand.

Madura
18th Septr. 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colltr.

No. 78.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In forwarding Extract from the Audit of my accounts for July 1249 I have the honor to request that for the 1st item of Rupees 441. 10-10, in the account particular submitted with my letter of the 4th September 1840, the sanction of Government may be obtained. It was not before applied for under the idea that the necessary Sanction must have been given to the Principal Collector of South Arcot, the item being a mere adjustment in my accounts.

Madura
22d. Septr. 1841

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Colltr.

No. 79.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

See para 9

With my letter of the 6th May 1836 I forwarded Copies and translates of orders and Cowles of Messrs. Parish and Peters to the disbanded Sibbendy of Ramnad alluded to in the Board's letter of the 22d. February 1808, and I have now the honor to forward a Statement of the different hands into which part of these lands have passed by descent

Sale

sale and mortgage; and request you will obtain me the Boards instructions if under the above transfers they are entitled to the same indulgencies as the original grantees.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
23.d September 1841.

No. 80.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

1. I had yesterday the mortification to receive the Boards Proceedings of the 9th Instant, communicating the Minutes of Consultation of the 9th July, directing publication of an offer of reward to any one giving information against a local authority neglecting for a period of three months to give notice of the decease of a Civil pensioner.

2. As the informer, unless on the establishment of the local authority, cannot tell if such Gentleman has or has not given the required notice, the object of Government is little likely to be attained by the proposed means: but as the offer of a reward to any one convicting me of remissness of duty in this particular point seems to me highly derogatory to my character & reputation I request you will move the Board to obtain me exemption from the infliction, if they can satisfy them-selves no one instance of such remissness has occur-red in my administration of more than seven years of the affairs of this Collectorate, and if they are unaware of any such having occurred in any one instance during

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my Short lived charge of the Collectorates of Tinnevelly and Guntoor.

3. Till favored with an answer I shall not proceed in publication of the offer.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Coll.

Madura 27th Sept. 1841.

No 81

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

Agreeably to the instructions contained in the Extract from the Board's proceedings of the 5th Ultimo, received yesterday and accompanied by a Copy of the 2d Edition of "The law relating to India," I have the honor to return the 1st Edition of the same work which accompanied their proceedings of the 15th April.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Coll.

Madura 4th October 1841

No 82

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you there are no returns for last month for the following statements.

Quarterly return of Rev. Defaulters confined in Jail upto 30th Septr.

Report of Casualties & of Revenue defaulters released.

Salt Confiscated.

Goods Confiscated.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Coll.

Madura 5th October 1841

To

No 83 6 Feb 1841

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue. Fort St George

Sir,

1\. In reference to the Board's instructions of the 10th & 24th June, 22nd July and 2d September, on the subject of withdrawal of interference from all Native religious institutions, I have the honor to submit Statement, No 1, shewing those receiving money allowances from Government in lieu of resumed lands; and Statement, No 2, shewing such as depend on the produce of land endowments under management of the Company's Officers, but the amount settlement of which is at once made over to them, or kept in deposit at their credit.- These statements further shew their usual annual expenditure, the amount in deposit up to the end of August, the names of the present hereditary executive officers, and of the superintending officer to whom I propose to transfer the interference (with some slight modification) at present exercised by the local European Officer under the control of the Board of Revenue. -

The Statement No 1 & 2 were kept in record

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2\. On presentation of Endowments by states, or individuals, the donor appears to have nominated one or more officers to superintend the ceremonies he wished to be performed; his office became hereditary, but under the general control of the superior officer appointed by the governing power. There is no reason to modify an arrangement

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so simple, and found, from long experience, so well
adopted to execution of the functions assigned to them.—
when, therefore, there is only one such officer I have
entered his name:— where there are more I have
entered one or two of equal rights and power, leaving
them the usual control over the other hereditary
servants of the same institution, and for the
superintending Officer proposed for the approbation
of Government, I have selected heads of Zemindaries
for the time being in their respective estates,—
for the small Village institutions, the head of
the Village & Curnom,—for the largely endowed
pagodas in the talooks of Madacolum & Meyloor,
the Zemindar of Ramnad, and for that of Palony
in Dindigul the neighbouring Zemindar of
Iyagoody, as generally being descendants of the
original donors of the Endowments, or entitled,
in default, by their circumstances in life
and character, to have the charge:— & I have
received the written consent of all to accept it.—

3 No revenues have been sequestered in
See Coll.r to Board 27th January 1802. the seven largely Endowed pagodas by the
Government, but the commutation of fixed money
allowances in lieu of, & in general diminution of,
the varying proceeds of land Endowments, made
by the Mussulman ruler, has been continued.—
The arrangement for the petty pagodas at Dindigul
See letter from Board 6th March 1820. was made by Mr. Collector Parish in 1805. I am
of opinion the pagodas (for there is not a single
mosque in the Collectorate in which the Government
has any interference whatever) are not entitled
to receive from Government a greater allowance
than the commutation fixed by the Mussulman,
and adopted by the Company:— I propose
that the allowances should be distributed, as at
present, every month to the Executive Officer
of.

f the respective pagoda, and his receipt taken, -
that the sums now in deposit, should continue
there, to be paid, from time to time, to the executive
officer on his receipt, but only on the requisition
of the Superintending Officer; & that no alteration
should take place in the present monthly allowances
except on the requisition of the same Superintendent.

4 I would have the hired servants, and the inferior hereditary servants, subject to the executive hereditary officer, whose name is entered in the list, the first having an appeal to the Superintendent, the last to both Superintendent, & by suit, to the Civil Court:— The hereditary executive officer should be subject to the Superintendent's orders, with power of appeal to the Civil Court; and the Superintendent himself would be amenable to the Civil Courts, at the charge of the hereditary executive officer, if cause should by any means arise.

5 The Superintendents should be at liberty to pay from the funds of the respective pagodas an officer, under title of Sumprathy or Gomastha, removable at their pleasure, to remain at the Collector's office, with full power to examine, or take copies of all accounts connected with the revenues of the Davasthanam lands:— and they should be at liberty to have similar officers, removable at their sole pleasure, for similar purposes in the larger institutions, to control the hereditary executive officers, & equally payable out of the respective pagoda funds; and this servant of the Superintendent should be at liberty to examine the Treasury once monthly, or more frequently on good cause shewn, on the requisition of the Superintendent. And where the funds of the Pagoda are

are too small to allow the employment of a Gomastah the Superintendents themselves must give their personal attention.

6 For irregularities the executive hereditary officer should be at liberty to fine the inferior hereditary officers, & hired servants, to the extent of half their month's pay, & if necessary, to dismiss the latter, but in either case an appeal should be open to the Superintendent.

In cases of fraud embezzlement & crime, a prosecution before the police should be conducted by the hereditary executive officer after communication with, & instruction from, the Superintendent; and in the Civil Courts, in the name of the Superintendent, and under his directions.

7 Vacancies in default of heirs to hereditary officers should be filled up by the executive officer's nomination, leaving the Superintendent power of a veto, in which case, on reason shewn, the executive officer may nominate a second & a third time — after which, if the person proposed is for good reasons, of which the Civil Courts must be the ultimate judge, rejected, the vacancy may be filled up by the Superintendent.

The Superintendents will also be succeeded by their heirs: — And on default, or resignation, the Civil Courts may be at liberty to nominate, at the requisition of any individual. —

8th The pagodas in the Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevagungah have never been under the control of the Company's servants, except when the estates themselves have been sequestered; for them therefore, I propose to lay down no rules — but to leave those of Ramnad exactly as they now

now remain in the hands of the Zemindar, and to restore those of Shevagunga, when the estate is released from sequestration, with any surplus funds there may be, to the Treasuries of the respective institutions.

9 Statements 3 & 4 will, I hope, afford the information called for in the 2nd para. of your letter of the 22d July. – No 3 shews the settlement of the Madura pagodas endowed lands, from fusly 1211 ad 1250, the portion made over to the institutions, & the net revenue accruing to Government from the surplus:- No 4 gives similar information for the pagodas in Dindigul, but only from fusly 1221 ad 1250 – the earlier records being wanting. The Statement No 3 & 4 were kept in record

10 In answer to the 2d para. of your letter of the 2d September it is hardly necessary for me to repeat the two points on which I required information to enable me to submit my final report, as tho' they were not answered in the above quoted letter they were expatiated on. The first question was "if I was to consider myself bound to oblige the attendance of the people at the Car festivals;" & without affording me any rule for future guidance, the Board contented themselves with regretting that I alone of all the Collectors in the service had put the interpretation I did on the communication of the order of the Court of Directors of the 18th October 1837. The Madras Government had prohibited Collectors & Magtes lending their aid on such occasions. The Courts' disapprobation of the Government measure, and their orders not to withhold any usual assistance &c, induced me, on the next requisition of the heads of the Pagoda, to comply with what I deemed, & still deem, to have been the

the Court's orders and wishes.— In future I shall strive to be more guarded in obeying any 16[?] communication's from the Court without a reference to the Presidency.— The 2nd question was "if the whole revenue of the landed endow:ments was to be made over to the pagodas, "or only the commutation, as fixed by the Mussul:man Government & afterwards confirmed by "the Company;"— to which the Board inform me of their incompetence to answer till after receipt of the instructions of Government.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura
6th October 1841

No 84.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revd.
Fort St George

Sir,

In returning petition No 1399 of 1841, forwarded with your letter of the 7th instant, and received yesterday, I have the honor to inform you my decision of the 28th July was passed under Section XI of Regulation V of 1822:— Peti:tioner's proper course, if dissatisfied with my order, was an appeal to the Zillah Court, under Section XVI of the same Regulation.— As the petitioner has furnished the Board with a Copy of my decision I am unaware of the nature of the report you ask for.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura Manapar
20th October 1841

No 85

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

It is with great regret I have to report the loss Government have sustained on

in the demise of the late Sub Collector Mr. Robert Davidson, on the Evening of the 20th instant.

Madura Dindigul } (Signed) J Blackburne
22d October 1841 } P. Collr.

No. 80

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 14th received on the 25th instant, with petition No. 1139 of 1841, (herewith returned) I have the honor to state that the Chattrom alluded to was not a personal property of the Ancestors of Petr. deceased husband, but was a Charity of the Curnatic Government:— and her husband received an allowance of 10 cully Chukrums a Month, fixed by Mr. Hurdis, as Manager of its affairs. On his death in last year, leaving no issue, the petitioner his widow, being incapable from her sex of its management, it was put under the Superintendence of a Maniagar, under the Taps., and a reduced monthly pay of 5 Chukrums, or Rupees 10-10-8, was fixed for petitioner's maintenance during life; & notwithstanding the sufficiency of the sum allotted for her, a single woman's support, she refused to receive it, claiming the whole allowance. I see no reason to make an Extravagant expenditure of the Charity funds.

The arrangements regarding the deceased Servants & Superintendents of the Chattroms & Covils have been made by the Collectors themselves without reference to the Board of Revenue since the assumption of the Country

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to the present time.

Madura 27th Octr 1841 | (Signed) J Blackburne, Collector

No 87

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the re-audit of my Accounts for Fusly 1249 & to state that the increase of pay to Writers therein
No 1 to 3
retrenched by the Civil Auditor, was made from the reduction of the pay of a Translator from 85 to 70 Rupees, without any additional expence in the Department to Government, as shewn in my letter of the 11th June 1840, & included in the revised Moyenzabitah, submitted on the 17th July, for which arrangement the Sanction of Government, under date the 19th August, was communicated to me in your letter of the 10th September of the same year; but as the Civil Auditor now requires the special Sanction of Government, I beg you will be good enough to obtain it.

With reference to No 55, Rupees 20, I beg to explain that the amount was paid from the revenue of the Villages of Becaujeerow, late Cash keeper, for repairing a breach of the Seroothettoo Sittanaindel, one of the said Villages, and Rupees 1.1.4 was recovered; & I request you will obtain me the Sanction of Government required by the Civil Auditor for the remainder, Rupees 18.14.8 | (Signed) J Blackburne, Collector

Madura 28th October 1841

No 87

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward statements of Contingent charges not exceeding 20 Rs incurred

incurred in Fusly 1250 and a portion of Fusly 1249. and Sanctioned by the Board, as per form annexed in their Circular of the 11th instant, not received till the 25th —

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 29th October 1841

No. 88

To the Secretary to the Board of Revd.
Fort St. George

Sir,

Your Circular of the 11th instant, desiring Copies of the standard Hookumnamah & Cowlenamah at present in force might be furnished at my earliest Convenience, was only received by me yesterday. R

As there has been no change in the Cultivation Hookumnamah since the one I forwarded with translate on the 13th July 1835 I beg leave to refer you to it, and have the honor to inclose Copy of a Cowlnamah with translate.

Madura 29th October 1841

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

No. 89

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1.— In answer to your letter of the 21st Ultimo received the night before last (Saturday) forwarding for my early consideration & report petition No. 1838 of 1841; with an enclosure to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council (both herewith returned) I beg leave to inform the Board the whole is false:— The facts Petitioner seems to have adopted for his misrepresentation are as follows,—

His father, Moniff of Paleampully

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in the Talook of Pullymadum, in the Zemindary of Romnad, resigned his Office in favor of the Petitioner, his second son, being incapacitated by age from fulfilling the duties himself, & his eldest son being unwilling to accept the Office as he had a private employ in one of the talooks of Madura, about 2 years ago.-

Petitioner is a Cook, and instead of doing his Monsiffs duties, gets his livelihood by stealing & pilfering, opportunities being given him in his nominal employment.-

For a theft of this kind in the house of a dependent of the Sheristadar, Sashagherry Rao, he was flogged, by my order, on depositions taken, and investigation held, by the police Officer of Madacolum, before whom the charge was made, & in whose jurisdiction, in the fort of Madura, the offence was committed.- The Sheristadar had no part directly or indirectly in the charge, investigation or punishment.

2.- I was greatly grieved to find so flimsy a calumny should meet with so ready an attention from the Board, when they can hardly by possibility have forgotten the high terms in which I have been annually in the habit for more than 7 years of speaking of him, and those praises have been admitted by the Board and Government on almost every occasion.- I beg to repeat my entire approbation of his conduct; I beg to forward Copy of the complaint, answer & principal evidence in the Case in which I inflicted corporal punishment on the Petitioner, and at the same time dismissed him from his employ: as those documents ought not to be necessary I abstain from sending translations.

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3. — The Curnom of Paliampatty has no such property as 2000 Rupees. The tamarind trees of the Village pay no tax to Government, being in a Zumindary in possession of the proprietor. — And in the Co[y]. talooks every Villager is at liberty to cut down any tree, his own property, whether taxable or not. —

4. — The fort of Madura is open on so many places that peons posted in the most advantageous places cannot prevent smuggling — hence I do not think it possible any one who can find his way to Madras can be prevented seeking redress from me, — but of course that is open to doubt. —

5. — If the Petitioner deems he has been flogged undeservedly he should address himself to the Judge on Circuit, or to the Collective Court of appeal and Circuit at Trichinopoly. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Coll[r].

Madura 7th November 1841.

No 90

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform the Board, & obtain sanction of Government, to refund a fine of R[s]. 17, imposed by the late Joint Magistrate on Vencata: :ram Naicken & others of Pappanoompatty in Taudycomboo talook, for clandestine appropriation of Raggy, which sum was included with the Magisterial fines in the Accounts for August last, as the Joint Magistrates decision has been reversed by me in appeal. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Collector

Madura
2[d] November 1841.

No 91

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to state that no Salt was seized nor Confiscated during last Month

Madura 6th November 1841 (Signed) J Blackburne Collr

No 92

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

On the 19th I had the honor to receive the Boards proceedings of the 4th Ultimo, together with Copy of their proceedings of the 20th August, & the Minutes of Consultation of the 24th September on the subject of the proposed Moyenzabitah for the Current fusly, and, as therein directed, I beg to forward a revised one, modified according to their instructions, & in the following particulars according to altered circumstances of the district viz. the reduction of the Nellacotta talook Establishment, & small increase in Tandy:combos in lieu of it, & a small police Establisht. is no longer required because of the present incapacity of the Cunnewady Pollegar to resume his estate since the refusal of Government to give up their claim to interest, and this also makes it necessary to increase the Zilladars from 38 to 60 instead of to 56 - & for 8 talooks instead of 7 as proposed by the Board -

+ Moyenzabitah kept with draft

I anticipate the efficiency of Zilladars will be materially improved by their increased numbers, but I do not anticipate my wishes, the object of the late Principal Collector, Mr Viveash, & the expectations of the Board can ever be realized from these officers till a higher rate of pay enables me to procure a better informed class of men to undertake their duties -

dates.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Madura 4 Nov.r 1841. P Collector

No 93

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1.— The Thogamalai pollam, in the talook of Marounga poory, was sequestered for arrears in fusly 1226, & a Commission of 10 per Ct on its Net revenues has ever since been laid aside, & kept in deposit for the proprietor, who has, however, hitherto declined receiving it, on pretext that he wished it to accumulate till he should be able to emancipate the estate entirely— He is now desirous to receive the accumulations, amounting to rupees 6200-12-10, & my only reason for requiring the Board's Sanction for its payment is the lapse of years without any.— Boards proceedings 11th April 1816 para 33-

2.— The Board are requested to observe that the deposits are 10 per cent on the Net settlt. of each year, as is the case in all the other Pollipats receiving a similar commutation, and is not a fixed unvarying annual sum, Vizt 10 per Ct Commission on the average of five years from fusly 1225 to 1229, both inclusive, as seems to me to have been sanctioned by Government under date the 5th January 1821,— and I am unable to explain how the present practise afterwards continued, but it has so obtained from the date of the Sanction.—

Mem:
10 per Ct on annual Net revenue from Commencement of fusly 1226 to end of fusly 1250— 6200-12-10
Average of 10 per Ct on five years from fusly 1225 to 1229 during the same period— 6105-7-7

Madura 5th Nov.r 1841. (Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

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No 94

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Perusal of the Board's proceedings of the 4th instant just received, leads me to believe they consider that I ought, & do, keep a diary of my proceedings; I have the honor to request you will inform them I do not, & that I never heard of one being kept in this or any other Collectorate since 1820 or thereabouts.

Madura 17th Novr 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne Collector

No 95

To The Secretary to the Board of Revd
Fort St George

Sir,

1. — In obedience to the Endorsements on Petitions Nos. 1075 & 1362 of 1841 (herewith returned) received yesterday, I have the honor to state that in fusly 1235 (A D 1825) Mr. Collector Peter assigned to certain ghat Cavilgars 302 13/16 Cownies of punjeh land, taxed at Rupees 593. 15 1. p Annum, out of the petitioner's estate, which was under assumption and from which he receives a Commission of 10 p Ct.— As the land is taxed as above stated, in the Survey accounts, the amount tax on the average cultivation did not exceed Rupees 333–3–7 p annum, making up to the end of last fusly, an aggregate of Rupees 5331–9–10, for which petitioner is entitled to credit where he is ready to adjust the accounts, & pay the arrears, which are, at present, for

Principal	8378.	5.	2
Interest	1583.	..	8
	9961.	5	10
Deduct above Manicum	5331.	9	10
Net balance due	4629	12	"

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which sum I am aware he has no means of procuring but by loans.

2. It is but recently these circumstances have come to my knowledge, & I had proposed to myself to report it for the Board's information when I was enabled to give them a final answer respecting all sequestered Pollipats. – & I will now beg them to give their attention to this subject as I am of opinion the alienation is irregular & improper, tho', at the same time, I must observe these Cavelgars, or a similar body of peons, are highly requisite, nay, nearly indespensible, to the security of that part of the Country.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 19th Novr.
1841.

No. 96

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

False chops are frequently affixed to Cloths of low value in common use within the Fort of Madura, containing 2500 looms, Treble duty, as authorized by the Board's Circular of the 17th April 1834, is not sufficient to check the abuse: – To report & obtain the Board's Sanction for Confiscation under Section XIX Regulation I of 1812, is a trouble:some and dilatory process; I have, therefore, the honor to request authority for Confiscation of piece goods under 10 Rupees in value, without the previous application to the Board.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 20th Novr.
1841.

No. 97

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will obtain permission of Government for my acting Hd. Assistant, Mr. C. T. Arbuthnot, to proceed to

Palamcottah, for 20 days, on private affairs, under Section XII of the absentee rules of the 21st Feb 1840. 342 174

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collector

Madura 23d November 1841.

No. 98

To The Secretary to the Board of Revd.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to state that no salt, or goods, were seized, nor confiscated, during last month.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collector

Madura 6th Decr 1841

No. 99

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a petn. from the 2d Dresser, Moottoosawmy Naick, attached to my Office, and hope the Board may think proper to forward his petition to the Medical authorities, with recommendation for its favorable consideration. The man I know to be diligent and most attentive to his duties, & that he has gained the good will & confidence of the inhabitants of this large town, and is often sought for from distant places within and on the borders of the Collectorate.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collector

Madura 10th December 1841.

No. 100.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In answer to the Board's proceedings of the 2d Instant, received on Saturday the 4th idem, I have the honor to forward the statement required of

of the balance, and interest accruing thereon, from the Cunnewady Polliam -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

Madura 13th Decr 1841.

No 101

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1. In reference to the list of forms accompanying your letter of the 29th July directed to be substituted for those hitherto accustomed to be forwarded with the settlement report, I beg leave to offer the subjoined objections, and to request specific instructions upon them -

Form 1. Maroongapoory talook has hitherto formed part of the Dindigul Division - by the substituted form it will be included with Madura. This is probably an oversight?

Form 2. - The substitution would reduce these statements to two, viz.t one for Madura and one for Dindigul:- By the old form the old divisions of the country were shewn; for instance the talook of Madacolum comprised also that of Sholavundan & the Valayapatty Polliam; - each other talook was similarly subdivided. - It is understood the abstracts are now to be confined to Madura & to Dindigul, & the abstracts by talooks to be omitted? -

Form 3. In Madura there is no Putent land; hence it is understood the form in substitution will have only the head "Cultivation". "Cabooleat" being considered as inapplicable? The Putent System was abolished by the orders of the 4th December 1819. In Madura the

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1 settlement is made on the Cultivation, Dry lands Cultiv[ated] with garden produce pay the garden rates, & when garden lands are Cultivated with dry grain the latter rates are collected.

Form No 6. – This form would seem applicable only to Puteut districts, and may, I trust, be dispensed with here, where there is no Puteut lands.

Form No 10. – There are no less than 200 Maneum Villages in the Madura Talooks, the proprietors of which have granted Cowle tenures ad libitum and some receive in Money, some in Kind. The Servants of the Meenachee Pagoda hold their Maneum Villages on hereditary tenure, & their settlement with the Cultivators is very varying. – The preparation of these accounts will be a vexatious scrutiny into the private rights of the Maneakarar; – it appears to me utterly profitless to Government, & will take up my time most unnecessarily – & cannot but delay the conclusion of the settlement considerably. I hope the account may be altogether dispensed with.

2 Formerly the accounts of this Collectorate were prepared by Villages, under the Board's repeated orders. I last year effected the detail of each Cultivation account in <u>two</u> of the talooks, & proposed to carry it through in the current fusly. The same Curnums must be employed in the Ayn & Maniem lands, & if the Board consider they are now requiring the subjoined 4 Statements in addition to those substituted for the old ones, I think they must agree they are in error in supposing they are reducing

reducing the total amount of work required from me, even not taking into consideration the difficulty of substituting new, tho' clearer, forms for old & customary ones Vizt.

1 Individual settlement account
2 Jyaeut tax
3 Accounts of lands retained & relinquished, & cultivated with different products to the preceding year.
4 Settlement of Maniem lands.

Madura 16th Decr 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne P Collector

No 102

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 160 printed bills of Exchange & 100 letters of advice, as indented for by me on the 29th January last, which accompanied your letters of the 18th Ultmo, which, tho' noted to have been dispatched two days subsequently, only reached me last night.

Madura 17th Decr 1841 } (Signed) J Blackburne P Collr

No 103

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St George

Sir,

To the Nottagar of Avaniapooram in Madacolum talook was allotted, at the settlement of fusly 1212, a Maniem of Nunjeh land, measuring $7\frac{13}{16}$ Cawnies, taxed at Rupees 17 - 14 - 3 which, however, has never since been cultivated, but the Nottagar performed his duties

duties receiving one fanam & 10 Chuckrums from the ryots. The allowance is now withheld and as his services are indispensable, I beg to recommend for sanction alienation of Nunjeh Cawnies $3\frac{4\frac{1}{4}}{10}$ taxed as above Rupees 19 13 4 in lieu of the Nominal Maniem which is altogether unfit for Cultivation.

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura Sayelgoody }
20th Decr 1841. }

No 104.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In reference to the Board's proceedings of the 9th Instant, received on the 18th, I have the honor to request you will inform them I should have anticipated their suggestion and at once addressed the Ceylon Authorities on the subject of escape of two Convicts from Pamban, but that the Circumstance did not come sufficiently early to my notice to make a deviation from the orders of Government (requiring all communication with Ceylon to be made through it) of the 25th September 1821, a matter of consequence.

Since I reported the escape of the two Convicts I have also reported the recapture of one, and I am no longer of opinion the other did seek refuge in Ceylon and no longer think a reference there desirable; and unless I hear again from you shall trust to my own exertions for re-seizure of the runaway within the Collectorate.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura }
Sayelgoody 21st Decr 1841 }

26/12/77

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